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Selectmen's Report.

To the Inhabitants of Dighton :--

The organization of the Board of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Board of Health for 1908 was perfected by the choice of Charles S. Chace, Chairman and Secretary.

Our people who are largely engaged in agricultural pursuits have been severely affected by the business depression prevailing the past year, and more than usual it has been a hardship to pay the taxes.

Such condition ought to impress on our voters to exercise great care in making the appropriations for the several departments the coming year.

The matter of the tax rate is very largely in the hands of the people in a Town government, no official has any right to exceed the appropriation unless for an emergency.

The State and County tax has increased, but the State has assumed the maintenance of the insane, costing them more than the extra payment.

Our own tax rate has decreased one dollar on a thousand and we have made a material decrease in the town debt, and we expect a further decrease next year.

It is a fact that very few Towns in the State and County can show a decrease.

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Received from the Street Railway Tax, $929.56 an increase of $109.09—Corporation Tax $255.91 an increase of $85.99—Excise Tax $1,291.30 an increase of $7.11—Bank Tax $646.30 an increase of $9.76.

A section of State Highway has been built from near the Green farm to the residence of J. P. Ashley.

We expect another section to be built next year, as the policy of the commission is to complete thoroughfares connecting large cities as soon as possible.

We have particularly noticed a section of road graveled by Commissioner Briggs in March in the mud, which made a compact and nice road, demonstrating that most of the money should be spent early in the Spring.

STATE AID.

The payments for State Aid is as follows: Dec. 1907, $91; Jan. 1908, $91; Feb. $91; March, $87; April, $87. May, $87; June, $87; July, $87; August, $87; Sept. $87; Oct. $91; Nov. $81.

Two recipients have died during the year; Eugene F. Rose and Hodijah Baylies. Mr. Baylies in his last sickness, in addition received Soldiers' Relief amounting to $36.

FIRE PROTECTION.

This question has been brought before our people by the recent fires in the south part of the Town. The splendid demonstration made by the Anchor Color and Gum Works Co.'s fire apparatus in extinguishing the fire on Daniel D. Andrews premises and protecting surrounding property has awakened much interest favorable to securing, by the Town, something in the line.

A fire district might be formed, but if adequate protection was secured the outlay we are pursuaded would be more than the tax paying of the district would feel able to bear.

In 1897 a water company was chartered by the Legislature to furnish water to the inhabitants of Dighton and Somerset.

The large increase of buildings in lower Somerset and at North Dighton, and the prospects in South Dighton, calls for some such enterprise, and it is regretable that causes developed that defeated the project.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. CHACE,
GEORGE M. CHASE,
E. ELSWORTH LINCOLN,
} Selectmen of Dighton.

Dec. 31, 1908.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

To the Inhabitants of Dighton :

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM, DECEMBER 31, 1908.

House, barn and outbuildings, and 75 acres of land,	$1,800.00
Wood 45.00, express wagon 55.00, horse sled 12.00, farm wagon 50.00	162 00
Ploughs, cultivators and harrows,	20 00
Grain 10.00, horse 115.00, 2 cows 60.00,	185 00
English hay 80.00, swale 5.00, harnesses 20.00,	105 00
Curry comb, rakes, brushes, potato diggers, wheel jack, knife, boxes, chests, baskets, drawing knife, wrench and forks 10.00, fodder 10.00	20 00
Cattle ties, hay forks, shaving brake, iron bar, grindstone, wheelbarrow, syringe, oil can, wringer and washing machine,	21 00
Rubber gloves, coal hod, stove in tramp house,	10 00
150 fowls,	127 50
Whiffletrees, chains, pick and ladders,	3 00
Cranberry rake, cook stove and shovels,	2 75
Corn 65.00, potatoes 18.00, vinegar 18.00,	101 00
Hams, shoulders and weeder,	21 00
Household furniture,	200 00

Pork 15.00, provisions 20.00, oil heater 4.00,	39 00
Lard 4.80, stork cutter 1.25,	6 05
Ashes 10.00, hen dressing 15.00, saws, axes, scythes and snaths,	28 00
	$2,851 30

SUPT. OF THE TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF DIGHTON.

Dr.

Jan.	Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1908.	$46 27	
	107 1-4 doz. eggs,	34 28	
	Fodder 5.80, butter 2.00,	7 80	
			$88 35
Feb.	120 doz. eggs,	34 62	
	Butter,	2 50	
			37 12
Mar.	Butter .75, milk 1.12,	1 87	
	190 1-2 doz. eggs,	44 47	
			46 34
Apr.	Butter 1.25, seed corn 20,	1 45	
	211 1-2 doz. eggs,	40 60	
			42 05
May	157 doz. eggs,	32 68	
	Butter 3.00, vinegar .50,	3 50	
	Seed corn .30, calf 5.00,	5 30	
			41 48
June	Poultry 15.84, vinegar 15, chicks 4.90,	20 89	
	Cow 42.50, sand .10, 122 doz. eggs,	69.23	
			90 12
July	62 doz. eggs 16.49, cow and calf 46.00,	62 49	

	Apples 1.75, poultry 7.00, vinegar 1.10,	9 85	
			72 34
Aug.	47 doz. eggs,	15 08	
	Vinegar 3.00, apples 1.55,	4 55	
			19 63
Sept.	63 doz. eggs,	22 17	
	Potatoes 2.50, vinegar .60,	3 10	
			25 27
Oct.	23 doz. eggs,	9 31	
	Vinegar .35, poultry 20.66,	21 01	
	Pasture 3.00, potatoes 2.00,	5 00	
			35 32
Nov.	10 1-2 doz. eggs 5.07, butter 1.12,	6 19	
	Potatoes 23.00, milk .15, pasture 7.93,	31 08	
			37 27
Dec.	29 1-4 doz. eggs 12.73, butter 1.32	14 05	
	Potatoes 18.00, poultry 6.00,	24 00	
	Pasture,	28 20	
			66 25
			$601 54

Cr.

Jan.	Bag c. corn 1.58, oysters and crackers .40, grinding corn .88, cow 30.00, clams .35, mixing bowl .38, axe .75, repairs on wagon 1.00, 2 crowers 2.00, labor 6.00, groceries 9.81,	53 05
Feb.	Shoeing horse 1.00, fish .30, Hubbard's disinfectant .90, grinding corn .48, groceries 8.75, coffee pot 1.00, soap stone .35 scraps 4.20,	16 98

Mar.	Driving cow 1.00, sawing wood 4.65, scraps .20, manure fork .90, shovel .55, repairing wheels 4.20, groceries 8.52, cattle card .10, clipping horse 1.50, grinding corn .55, shoeing horse .85,	27 68
Apr.	Repair on harness 1.50, groceries 9.65, Dr. Hubbard's disinfectant .90, grinding corn .33, scraps 2.10, herrings .20, seeds 1.25, fertilizer 12.56,	28 49
May	Barb wire 6.88, 1 cow 35.00, labor 11 50, groceries 10.88, scraps 2.10, plowing 3.00, pig 4.00, tacks .15, hardware 1.12, whitewashing 1.15, 3 curtains .90, shoeing horse 1.00, oil cloth .16, linoleum 7.90, wall paper 4.81, screen cloth .54, grinding corn .30, ceiling on porch 8.00,	98 84
June	Papering 2.90, groceries 12.24, 2 curtains 1.70, labor 7.50, scraps 2.10, grinding corn .30, fish .38, bug death 5.50, scythe 1.00, rake .40,	34.02
July	Groceries 15.79, E. F. Horton, haying, 12.50, shoeing horse 1.00, alcohol .30, fish .40, towelling 1.50,	31 49
Aug.	Groceries 12.50, shoeing horse 1.00, blacksmithing .25, Dr. Hubbard's disinfectant .98,	14 73
Sept.	Groceries 14.15, fly killer .10, cow 28.00, cash to treas. 60.00, labor on fresh meadow 3.00, rope .28, towelling 1.12, rubber buckets .50, dry goods box .50,	107 66
Oct.	Shoeing horse 1.00, groceries 18.41, Dr. Hubbard's disinfectant .98, hooping cider barrel .25,	20 64

Nov.	Groceries 9.33, making 49 gals. cider .98, grinding corn 1.73, stock cutter 1.50 clipping horse 1.50, stall blanket 1.30, axe handle .30, shoeing horse 1.00, repairing wheels 4.00, repairs on harness 1.75, clothes line .40,		23 79
Dec.	Groceries 14.05, plowing 4.00, killing pig 1.00, axe 1.00, P. W. Horton, meat, 55.67, grinding corn, .68, sovereign balm 1.00, Dr. Hubbard's Germicide .98, shoeing horse 1.00, cash to treas 50.00,		129 38
			$586 74
Less cash paid town,			110 00
			476 74
Less balance on hand,			14 42
Net,			462 32
Receipts,		601 54	
Net expense,		462 32	
Excess,		139 22	

PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

OUTSIDE AID—1908.

Paid W. O. Goff, aid to Harriet Horton, groceries, Nov. 27, 1907 to Oct 31, 1908,		$53 00
Aid to Mrs. John Ryan,		
Paid Staples Coal Co., coal,	17 00	
Antone Silvia, Taunton, rent,	27 50	
E. Walker, wood,	4 75	
A. J. Barker Co., medicines,	1 25	
Mary W. Green, wood,	2 50	
		53 00

Aid to Mabel Snow,		
Paid Amanda Perry, rent,	16 50	
A. F. Kenny, Pottersville, rent,	42 50	
		59 00
Aid to Elizabeth Thornley and family,		75 25
Aid to Mary Morris and seven children,		
Paid Keefe & Murphy, rent,	98 00	
City of Taunton, aid,	17 50	
City of Fall River, aid,	57 40	
		172 90
Aid to John Wheeler, rendered by Geo. M. Chase,		48 00
Aid to Mrs. James Sherlock,		
Paid E. Walker, wood,		1 13
*Aid to Morris Corriea, (accident)		
Paid for furniture destroyed and medical attendance,	14 00	
Louis E. Macomber,	3 00	
Church & Burt, ambulance,	6 00	
		23 00
Aid to Catherine Snow,		
Paid F. A. Whitmarsh, milk,	1 50	
D. D. Andrews, groceries,	10 96	
John M. Deane, groceries,	28 69	
		41 15
*Aid to Antone Galant,		
Paid Dr. Bowker, assistant in operation,	15 00	
Surgical expenses,	6 15	
Dr. Bowker, calls,	5 50	
Dr. Sayles, supplies,	3 90	
		30 55
Aid to Mrs. Richard Westcoat and family,		
Paid West Bridgewater,		159 00
Aid to Manuel and Helen Loures,		
Paid City of Fall River,		4 00
Aid to Antone Silvia, 2nd,		
Paid Hanson & Co., supplies for child,		1 53

*Aid rendered in sick case,	18 85	
Cash received from recipient,	8 00	
To be paid by recipient,		10 85
		732 36
Those marked with a star to be reimbursed, viz:	10 85	
	30.55	
	23 00	
		64 40
Total net outside aid,		667 96

There are a few bills remaining unpaid, estimated at about $150 00.

Aid has been ended in the case of Elizabeth Thornly and family, two of her children being old enough to work. Aid has also been stopped in the case of Mrs. Richard Westcoat. These cases have been expensive. We have one very expensive case, Mary Morris, widow with seven children, the oldest 15 years.

TOWN FARM.

Paid Charles H. Smith, for grain, Dec. 1, 1907, to Dec. 1, 1908,	252 18	
Paid George A. Mann, Jan. Feb. Mar.,	62 02	
		314 20
Paid Edward E. Horton, salary as Supt., Dec. 1, 1907, to Dec. 1, 1908,	300 00	
Paid Mrs. E. E. Horton, services as Matron, Apr. 1, to Dec. 1, 1908,	40 00	
		340 00
Paid Dr. J. B. Sayles, salary Town Physician, medical attendance,	76 25	

Receipts from various sources on account medical attendance,	50 00	
		26 25
		680 45
Outside aid,		681 06
		1,361 51
Less cash paid treasurer,	110 00	
Balance,	14 42	
		124 42
		1,237 09

INMATES.

Jane Allen, age about 85, admitted July 25, 1907.
No tramps.

COPY OF RECORD.

Dighton, Jan. 1, 1909.

Have this day examined the accounts of Edward E. Horton Supt. of the Town Farm and find them correct and a balance due the town of fourteen $\frac{42}{100}$ dollars.

(Signed,) HOWARD C. BRIGGS,
Auditor.

We regret to report that the Town Farm is as usual not able to meet its expenditures. Such conditions have existed for years, and some method should be adopted to eliminate this undesirable element.

The loss runs from one to four hundred dollars a year.

It seems to be too much each year to pay to prevent the abuse of pauper demands which might occur in the absence of a place to commit such applicants.

Then at any time we are liable to have expensive cases that would be very much cheaper to handle in a home of our own. Therefore, we find we cannot altogether dispense with a Town Asylum.

We feel that it would be wise for several Towns to join in forming a pauper district, and thereby maintain a home very much cheaper and with better facilities to accomplish the purposes for which institutions are established.

With such an end in view we have communicated with the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Berkley, and find that they consider it a wise proposition, and are to bring this matter before their people at the next annual meeting.

We have also decided to put articles in the next annual Town Meeting warrant, so that the Town may have a chance to determine the best course to pursue.

Fortunately our interests are such that we can combine another source of expense to both Towns with our Pauper Department at a great saving.

We refer to the care of Berkley and Dighton Draw Bridge.

We propose to sell our Town Farm and join with the Town of Berkley in securing a small but adequate place near the bridge as a Town Home, and the Superintendent attend to the bridge.

A suitable place, we are advised can be secured at a moderate outlay.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. CHACE,
GEORGE M. CHASE,
E. ELSWORTH LINCOLN, } Overseers of Poor.

Dec. 31, 1908.

Board of Health.

To the Citizens of Dighton :

CONTAGIOUS CASES.

Sylvester F. White, Diptheria.

Paid Matildia Douglas, nursing,	50 00	
Dr. J. B. Sayles, supplies,	7 50	
A. J. Barker Co., medicine,	75	
Charges for medical attendance,	9 00	
		67 25

Mr. White had a settlement in Taunton, and the bill has been paid.

Louis R. Dean and George B. Dean, Typhoid Fever.

Paid D. D. Andrews, food and supplies,	8 50	
J. Pitts, rent,	10 00	
Dr. Bowker, medical atiendance,	16 00	
Medicine and supplies,	5 00	
Charges for medical attendance,	32 00	
		71 50

The Dean family had no settlement in Massachusetts, therefore, are State charges, and the claim will be reimbursed by the State, and the White family's bill was paid by Taunton.

DISINFECTING.

Paid J. B. Sayles, M. D., for fumigating.

House of Seth McVicker,	4 50	
" Mary Sousia,	4 70	
" F. P. Cardoza,	3 25	
" Sylvester F. White,	4 50	
" J. Willis Andrews,	4 70	
" Edward Barlow,	3 50	
" Albartus Rose,	4 50	
" F. L. Dean,	4 50	
Formaldehyde candles, J. S. Place,	3 40	
Disinfecting fluid,	3 40	
" "	1 50	
	———	42 45

Number of infectious diseases reported in 1908.

Diptheria 3, Scarlet Fever 5, Typhoid Fever 4, Erysipelas 1, Measles 8.

Town Physician for 1909, Dr. Joseph B. Sayles.

No cases of Infantile Paralysis reported.

Physicians, householders and others, attention is called to the amendments to the Health Laws. They are required to report to the Board of Health the following diseases, designated by the State Board of Health as dangerous and infectious. The penalty for neglect is heavy—Astinomyeosis, Asiatic Cholera, Cerebro Spinal Meningitis, Diptheria, Glanders, Leprosy, Malignant Pustale, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Small Pox, Tetanus, Trichinosis, Typhoid Fever, Varsell, Whooping Cough, Yellow Fever and Tuberculosis.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. CHACE,
GEORGE M. CHASE,
E. ELSWORTH LINCOLN,
} Board of Health.

Dec. 31, 1908.

Town Treasurer's Report.

1908.			
Jan.	1.	Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1907	2,266 46
	27.	Rec'd from Commonwealth School fund	1,229 99
		Bristol County Dog tax	285 37
Mar.	6.	B. C. Nat. Bank, temporary loan	2,000 00
Apr.	1.	Police Court fine	20 00
	4.	B. C. Nat. Bank temporary loan	2,500 00
May	4.	" " " " "	1,500 00
June	1.	George L. Green, Jr. oyster note	150 00
		A. N. Goff, fish note	15 00
		E. D. Perry, " "	15 00
		B. C. Nat. Bank, temporary loan	2,000 00
July	7.	" " " " "	1,500 00
Aug.	1.	C. S. Chase, butcher's license	1 00
	25.	A. N. Goff, sealing weights and measures	11 00
		E. E. Horton, sale of produce	60 00
		Commonwealth, Supt of school salary	437 50
		Town of Berkley	31 96
	28.	Commonwealth, tuition of children	54 50
		" inspector of animals	25 50
Oct.	1.	Police Court fine	11 30
Nov.	15.	Commonwealth Corporation tax	255 91
		" Nat. Bank tax	646 30

	" State aid	1044 00
	" St. Railway tax	929 56
Dec. 15.	City of Taunton, contagious disease case	67 25
31.	Interest on deposits	19 20
	C. S. Chase, butcher's license	2 00
	" " reimbursement pauper account.	8 00
	Interest on deposit	8 25
	Rent of Town Hall	7 50
	E. E. Horton, sale of produce	50 00
		$17,652 55

COLLECTION OF TAXES.

For Year 1907.

Dec. 31.	Rec'd from A. N. Goff, collector	905 00

For Year 1908.

Dec. 31.	Rec'd from A. N. Goff, collector	16,488 37
	Total receipts from Taxes	17,393 37

EXPENDITURES.

Town Officers.

Jan. 4.	Paid George M. Chase, salary	90 00
	Charles S. Chase, "	150 00
	W. J. Reed, salary	100 00
	A. N. Goff, teller	2 00
	D. F. Lane, treasurer salary	75 00
	" " town clerk "	58 00
Feb. 1.	F. Waldron, assessor's salary	50 35
	E. Hathaway, truant officer	6 93

	19.	J. W. Andrews, auditor	5 00
	24.	D. F. Lane, recording births, marriages and deaths	50 15
		W. J. Reed, salary	10 00
Apr.	4.	George E. Gooding, assessors	25 42
		W. H. Walker, cattle inspector	12 00
		" " " "	25 00
		H. E. Williams, teller	3 00
		N. O. Walker, "	2 00
		C. C. Andrews, registrar of voters	14 00
		J. Harvey Briggs, " " "	14 00
		Robert Allen, " " "	14 00
		D. F. Lane, " " "	19 00
		Geo. T. Horton, teller	2 00
		L. J. Wade, assessor	41 25
		A. W. Turner, secretary	10 00
		Edmund Hathaway, constable	52 82
		W. T. Place, truant officer	3 50
		Charles W. Chase, assessor	30 00
		L. J. Wade, constable	4 00
May	2.	Geo. M. Chase, "	3 70
Oct.	3.	W. H. Walker, inspector of animals	25 00
		" " " "	18 00
		Geo. E. Gooding, assessor	87 75
		W. H. Walker, inspector	30 00
Nov.	7.	S. H. Whelden, teller	3 00
Dec.	5.	N. O. Walker, ballot clerk	3 00
	26.	W. E. Walker, teller	4 00
	31.	A. N. Goff, collector for 1907	125 00
			1,168 87

INCIDENTALS.

Jan.	4.	Paid Andrew B. Simmons, mowing cemetery	12 00
		C. S. Chase, selectmen expenses	45 00
		Carter Ink Co., ink	75
	10.	L. E. Butler, returning births	5 50
	28.	Dr. J. B. Sayles, school inspector	33 33
		C. A. Horton, wood for town hall	4 50
		J. A. Williams, repairs on town hall	7 44
	15.	Church & Burt, ambulance	6 00
	21.	Matilda Douglas, nursing	50 00
	24.	D. F. Lane, expenses,	37 95
		J. B. Sayles, returning births, 1906-7,	5 75
		J. B. Sayles, fumigating,	7 75
Mar.	4.	Theron Gorham, printing reports,	127 00
		Fred N. Reed, delivering reports,	3 00
		A. J. Barker, medicine, S. F. White case,	.75
		Town of Middleboro, watching herring,	20 00
April	4.	Dr. J. B. Sayles, S. F. White case, supplies,	7 50
		Theron Gorham, printing,	3 50
		Geo. E. Gooding, assessors supplies,	9 80
		A. J. Barker, record books,	3 00
		Am. Surety Co., of N. Y., bonds,	80 00
		Davol Printing Co., printing,	13 25
		J. B. Sayles, fumigating,	4 50
		Geo. M. Chase, care of town hall,	17 65
		Staples Coal Co., coal, town hall,	8 00
		W. S. Woods, legal advice,	10 00
		F. S. Hall, legal advice,	3 00
May	2.	Hobbs Warren Co., blanks,	1 11
		W. B. Kay, damages to wagon,	4 00

	A. H. Hood & Co., insurance on town hall,	28 80
	Louise Cowing, taking of land,	25 00
June 6.	J. B. Sayles, fumigating,	9 40
	A. N. Goff, sawing wood,	1 00
	Wakefield Daily Item, printing	5 55
July 6.	Henry Bullock, painting signs,	20 00
Aug. 12.	A. G. Williams, lumber,	20 70
Sept. 5.	City of Taunton, expense at fire,	9 00
	A. L. Briggs, supplies, town hall,	5 94
	L. E. Butler, fumigating,	4 50
	A. H. Hood & Co., insurance,	49 21
	A. I. Randall, printing,	3 35
	J. B. Sayles, disinfectant,	3 00
	Theron Gorham, printing,	5 00
Dec. 28.	Enos D. Williams, reg. of Deeds,	3 06
	A. J. Barker & Co., envelopes,	1 50
31.	A. N. Goff, expences as Collector,	15 00
		$708 51
	Total expenses of Town Officers and Incidentals,	$1877 38

INCIDENTAL RECEIPTS.

Two fish notes,	30 00	
Oyster note,	150 00	
Butcher's licenses,	3 00	
Inspectors of Animals,	25 00	
St. Railway tax,	929 56	
Use of Town Hall,	7 50	
City of Taunton, contageous disease case,	67 25	
Appropriation,	400 00	
		$1612 81

Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1907,	671 03	
Amount available for 1908,	941 78	
Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1908		$935 60

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

	Appropriation,	1,800 00	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907,	1,219 08	
	Excise tax for 1908,	1,291 32	
			$4,310 39
Dec. 31, 1908.	Paid selectmens' orders to date,	2,847 12	
	Overdrawn Dighton and B. bridge acct.,	140 74	
	Overdrawn Main street macadam acct.,	8 22	$2,996 08
	Unexpended Dec. 31, '08		$1,314 31

MAIN STREET MACADAM.

	Unexpended Dec. 31, '07,	286 07	
Dec. 31, 1908.	Paid selectmens' orders to date,	294 29	
	Overdrawn Dec. 31, '08,		8 22

DIGHTON AND BERKLEY BRIDGE.

	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907,	27 74	
	Appropriation,	200 00	
	Rec'd from Town of Berkley,	31 96	259 70
Dec. 31, 1908.	Paid selectmens' orders to date,	400 44	
	Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1908,		140 74

POOR AND ALMSHOUSE.,

	Appropriation,	800 00	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907,	853 66	
	Rec'd from E. E. Horton sale of produce,	110 00	
	Rec'd from C. S. Chase, reimbursement of pauper acct.	8 00	
			1,771 66
Dec. 31, 1908.	Paid selectmens' orders to date,	1,516 70	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1908,		254 96

STATE AID.

	Rec'd from Commonwealth,	1,044 00	
Dec. 31, 1908.	Paid selectmens' orders to date,	1,102 00	
	Overdrawn for the year 1908,		58 00
	Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1907		951 04
	Total amt. overdrawn Dec. 31, 1908,		1,009 04

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

	Appropriation,	3,000 00	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907,	687 34	
	Mass. School Fund,	929 99	
	Bristol County Dog Fund,	185 37	
	Education of charity children,	54 50	
	State Supervision,	175 00	5,032 20

Dec. 31, 1908.	Paid selectmens' order to date,	4,868 80	
	Fuel and janitors account overdrawn,	59 00$	4927 80
	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1908,		104 40

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS.

	Appropriation,	50 00	
	Paid selectmens' orders to date	33 53	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1908,		16 47

FUEL AND JANITORS.

	Appropriation,	800 00	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907,	86 80	
			886 80
Dec. 31, 1908.	Paid selectmens' orders to date,	945 80	
	Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1908,		59 00

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

	Appropriation,	250 00	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907,	98 56	
	Received from State,	262 50	
			611 06
Dec. 31, 1908.	Paid selectmens' orders to date,	525 00	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1908,		86 06

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

	Appropriation,	500 00	
	Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1907,	18 28	
			481 72

Dec. 31, 1908.	Paid selectmens' orders to date,	424 80	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1908,		56 92

TRANSPORTATION OF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS.

	Appropriation,	500 00	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, '07,	199 50	$699 50
Dec. 31, '08.	Paid selectmens' orders to date,	410 50	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, '08,		$289 00

PAINTING SCHOOL HOUSES.

	Appropriation,	200 00	
Dec. 31, '08.	Paid selectmens' orders to date,	150 00	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, '08		$50 00

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

	Appropriation,	1,200 06	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, '07	293 49	$1,493 49
Dec. 31, '08.	Paid selectmens' orders to date,		1481 00
	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1908,		12 49

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

	Appropriation,	800 00	
	Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1908	1 17	$798 83
	Transferred from Mass. School Fund,		300 00
		$1,098 83	
Dec. 31, 1908.	Paid selectmens' orders to date,	1,022 48	
	Unexpended Dec. 31, 1908,		$76 35

POLICE SERVICE.

Appropriation,	200 00	
Recd. from Police Court fines,	31 30	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1908,	270 14	$501 44
Dec. 31, 1908. Paid selectmens' orders to date,	528 28	
Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1908,		$26 84

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation,	200 00	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1908,	46 98	$246 98
Dec. 31, 1908. Paid selectmens' orders to date,	110 80	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1908,		$136 18

MACADAM ROAD ON MAIN & SPRING STREETS AND LINCOLN AVE.

Paid Magee, Macomber & Co.,	100 00
Paid C. C. Andrews, for the committee as per vote of the town Mar. 2, 1908,	$724 19

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Appropriation,	100 00	
Dec. 31, 1908. Paid selectmens' orders to date,	101 92	
Overdrawn,		$1 92

OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation,	40 00	
Dec. 31, 1908. Paid selectmens' orders to date,		$40 00

PAINTING TOWN HALL.

	Appropriation,	100 00	
Dec. 31, 1908.	Paid selectmens' orders to date,	107 21	
	Overdrawn,		$7 21

INTEREST CHARGES.

	Appropriation	550 00	
	Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1907	34 88	
			515 12
Dec. 31, 1908.	Paid interest on the several notes of the Town	647 51	
	Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1908		132 39

TOWN NOTES AND TAXES.

Oct. 27.	Paid County Tax	1,405 07	
Nov. 1.	Commonwealth Macadam loan	1,000 00	
	B. C. Nat. Bank temporary loan	2,000 00	
4.	" " " "	1,500 00	
	" " " "	2,500 00	
	" " " "	2,000 00	
8.	Fred S. Dunbar, bridge loan	500 00	
15.	Commonwealth, State tax	1,595 00	
	" road tax	105 25	
Dec. 7.	B. C. Nat. Bank temporary loan	2,000 00	
			14,605 32

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Dec. 31, 1908.

Receipts to date	35,045 92	
EXPENDITURES.		
Town officers	1,168 87	
Incidentals	708 51	
Roads and Bridges	2,847 12	
Dighton and Berkley Bridge	294 29	
Poor and Almshouse	1,516 70	
State Aid	1,102 00	
Schools	4,868 80	
Fuel and Janitors	945 80	
Supt. of Schools	525 00	
Music and Drawing	424 80	
Transportation of High School pupils	410 50	
Painting School houses	150 00	
High School tuition	1,481 00	
School incidentals	1022 48	
Police service	528 28	
Public Library	110 80	
Macadam on Main, Spring and Lincoln Ave.	100 00	
C. C. Andrews for committee	724 19	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	101 92	
Observance of Memorial Day	40 00	
Painting Town Hall	107 21	
Interest and discount	647 51	
Town notes and taxes	14,605 32	
		34,865 07
Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1908	$180 85	

TOWN'S INDEBTEDNESS BY NOTE.

Eight notes of one thousand dollars each due the Commonwealth one each year until paid.

REPORT OF BURIAL GROUND FUNDS.

Sarah Babbitt Fund Jan. 1, 1908	105 43	
Interest	4 24	109 67
Paid for care of lot	88	
Amt. of Fund Jan. 1, 1909		108 79
Nelson Horton Fund Jan. 1, 1908	104 18	
Interest	4 20	108 38
Paid for care of lot	3 00	
Amt. of Fund Jan. 1, 1909		105 38
Sylvanus James Fund Jan. 1, 1908	101 00	
Interest	4 08	105 08
Paid for care of lot	1 20	
Amt. of Fund Jan. 1, 1909		103 88
George H. Horton Fund July 2, 1908	100 00	
Interest	2 00	
Amt. of Fund Jan. 1, 1909		$102 00

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT F. LANE,

Town Treasurer.

Auditor's Report.

Dighton, Mass., Jan. 1, 1909.

I have examined the accounts of Dwight F. Lane, Treasurer and find them correct and in accordance with the vouchers and report as follows for year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Rec'd from all sources	$35,045 92
Expenditures	34,865 07
Balance in hands of Treas.	$ 180 85

I have examined the accounts of A. N. Goff, collector of taxes, to January 1, 1909 and find as follows.

Commitment for 1908		$16,522 40
Treasurer's receipts	$15,197 06	
Abatements	82 07	
Amount uncollected	$1,243 27	$16,522 40
Amount of taxes uncollected Jan. 1, 1908 for 1907		$1,162 03
Treasurer's receipts	$905 00	
Abatements	151 40	
Amount uncollected	105 63	$1,162 03

I find in the hands of the Treasurer two (2) fish notes signed by A. N. Goff and Edward D. Perry for fifteen ($15) dollars each due Jan. 1, 1909.

Also eight (8) oyster notes of one hundred and fifty (150) dollars each signed by Geo. F. Green one due July 1, 1909 and one each succeeding year until all are paid.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD C. BRIGGS,

Auditor.

Road Commissioner's Report.

South Section.

H. A. BRIGGS, R. C.

From Feb. 7, to April 2, 1908.

H. A. Briggs, 19 days		$38 00
Whitfield Veinot, 12 days		21 00
" "	29 hours at 15 cts	4 35
" "	3 " " 20 cts	60
Lester Briggs,	3 " " "	60
Manuel Roderick,	9 " " "	1 80
Antone Sylvia,	1 day	1 75
2 Horses and cart	23 days 4 hours	69 85
4 Horses hauling R. machine	2 1-2 days	12 50
1 " "	Snow plow 6 hours	90
Team hauling lumber from Taunton		2 00
1 Horse and cart,	10 1-2 days	17 25
2 Shovels, D. D. Andrews		1 70
Dynamite, caps and fuse		1 63
Repairing Road machine		4 00
40 Posts		4 00
Joe Dutra	19 days	33 25
John Frates	18 "	31 50
Henry Luther	18 "	31 50
Joe Oliver	2 1-2 "	4 38
Gilbert Tomkins,	2 horse team 9 1-2 days	42 76
Charles Lee,	18 1-2 days	32 38

Eugene Haskins,	3 days		5 25	
Antone Dutra,	16 "		28 00	
Frank Cordoza,	9 "		15 75	
Manuel Dutra,	1 "		2 25	
Joe Grasse,	1 "		2 25	
Manuel Grasse,	1 "		1 80	
Edward Barlow,	1-2 "		88	
F. A. Whitmarsh, material 158 2 h. l. at 10 cts. per l.			15 80	
C. G. Simmons, material 19 2 h. l. at 10 cts. per. l.		19 00		
11 1 h. l. at 5 cts. per l.		55	19 55	
John Pasche, material 97 2 h. l. at 15 cts. per l.		14 55		
7 1 h. l. at 8 cts. per l.		56	15 11	
Silas Whelden, snow acc. 6 h. horse and man			2 10	
				$468 44

April 3 to April 27, 1908.

H. A. Briggs,	13 days		26 00
Whitfield Veinot,	9 "		15 75
Lester M. Briggs,	1-2 "		88
Tom Mack,	2 1-2 "		4 38
Manuel, hired man	5 "	7 h.	10 19
Orrin Cash,		3 h.	59
Pat McManus,	1 1-2 "		2 63
Antone Sylvia,		3 h.	59
Mails			35
4 Horses hauling Road machine	2 1-2 days		12 50
2 Horses and cart	17 1-2 days		48 13
1 " " "	6 "	6 h.	9 90
2 " hauling water cart	1 day		2 75
3 Loads material			30
Henry Luther,	9 1-2 days		16 63

Joe Dutra,	12 1-2	"		21 87	
Antone Dutra,	8	" 3 h.		14 59	
Frank Cardosa,	5	"		8 75	
John Frates,	11	" 2 h.		19 54	
Charles Lee,	5	"		8 75	
Pat McManus,	1	"		1 75	
Joe Oliver,	1-2	"		88	
Manuel		3 h.		59	
J. A. Talbot, material 102 2 horse l. at 10 cts. per load				10 20	
John Pasche, material 59 2 horse l. at 15 cts. per load			10 05		
24 1 horse l. at 8 cts.			1 12	11 17	
					$249 66

May 1 to June 5, 1908.

H. A. Briggs	6 days 7 hours			13 50	
Tom Mack	7 1-2 "			13 13	
Hired man, Manuel	5 "	2 "		9 14	
Orrin Cash	2 "	7 "		4 77	
2 Horses and cart	2 "	" "		7 57	
1 " " "	8 "	" "		13 69	
Antone Dutra	1-2 "	" "		88	
Henry Luther	1 1-2 "			2 63	
Joe Dutra	5 "			8 75	
John Frates	" "			8 75	
H. A. Briggs, material 35 2 h. l. at 15 cts. per l.				5 25	
C. V. Sanders, 400 ft. lumber for Muddy Cove Road				12 00	$99 96

The whole amount paid H. A. Briggs for and material from Feb. 7. to June 5. $818 06

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. BRIGGS,

Boad Commissioner.

Dighton, Dec. 1, 1908.

Town of Dighton.

To H. A. Briggs, Dr.

Road Commissioner—South Section.

June 25.	Whitfield Veinot,	1-2 day	88
	1 horse and cart	" "	75
July 8.	1 " " "	1 "	1 50
10.	1 " " "	1-2 "	75
15.	1 " " "	" "	75
16.	2 horses and cart	3 h.	82
	Whitfield Veinot,	3 h.	59
20.	Self,	1 day	2 00
	Horse and cart	1 "	1 50
21.	" " "	1-2 "	75
	Whitfield Veinot,	1-2 day	88
	10 Lbs. spikes		35
22.	Self	1-2 day	1 00
	Horse and cart	" "	75
23.	4 Horses and 2 carts	" "	2 75
	2 " " 1 "	" "	1 38
	Self	1 day	2 00
	Whitfield Veinot,	1 day	1 75
28.	Self	1 "	2 00
	1 Horse and cart	1 "	1 50
	Whitfield Veinot,	1 "	
	2 Horses	1-2 "	1 00
29.	Self	" "	75
	1 Horse and cart	1 "	1 50
30.	1 " " "	1 "	1 50
	Self	1 "	2 00
Aug. 1.	"	1-2 "	1 00
	1 Horse and cart	" "	75
5.	1 " " "	" "	75

	10.	1 " " " " "		75
		Whitfield Veinot	1-2 "	88
	11.	" " " "		88
		Horse and cart	1 "	1 50
	12.	Self	1-2 "	1 00
		Whitfield Veinot	" "	88
		Horse and cart	" "	75
	13.	Whitfield Veinot,	" "	88
		Self	" "	1 00
Aug.	13.	Horse and cart	1-2 day	75
	24.	" " " " "		75
		Whitfield Veinot	" "	88
		Self	" "	1 00
	31.	"	" "	1 00
		Horse and cart	" "	75
Sept.	5.	Self	3 h.	60
		Horse and cart	3 "	45
	10.	2 " " "	2 "	55
		Whitfield Veirnot	2 "	39
	17.	Self	1-2 day	1 00
		Lester M. Briggs	" "	88
		Horse and cart	" "	75
		Irons for posts		1 30
	18.	Self	" "	1 00
		Horse and wagon	" "	75
		" " cart	" "	75
	21.	" " "	" "	75
	22.	Self	" "	1 00
	23.	"	" "	1 00
		Horse and cart	" "	75
	26.	2 " " "	" "	1 38
	24.	Self	1 "	2 00
	29.	Horse and cart	2 h.	30
		Self	1-2 day	1 00

	30.	Horse and cart	3 h.	45	
Oct.	2.	" " "	1-2 day	75	
	23.	" " "	1 "	1 50	
	30.	Malcom Hayden	1-2 "	88	
		Self	" "	1 00	
		Horse and cart	" "	75	
Nov.	9.	Self	" "	1 00	
		Malcolm Hayden	" "	88	
		Horse and cart	" "	75	
	10.	" " "	" "	75	
		Self	" "	1 00	
		Malcolm Hayden	" "	88	
		2 Horses and cart	" "	1 38	
		Whitfield Veinot	" "	88	
	16.	Self	" "	1 00	
		Malcom Hayden	" "	88	
Nov.	16.	Malcom Hayden	1-2 day	88	
		Horse and cart	" "	75	
	17.	Self	6 h.	1 20	
		Horse and cart	" "	90	
					$81 71
June	18.	Henry Luther	1 day	1 75	
	19.	" "	" "	1 75	
	20.	" "	1-2 "	88	
July	8.	" "	1 "	1 75	
	10.	" "	1-2 "	88	
	15.	" "	" "	87	
	16.	" "	1 "	1 75	
	20.	" "	" "	1 75	
	21.	" "	" "	1 75	
	22.	" "	1-2 "	88	
	23.	" "	1 "	1 75	
	24.	" "	" "	1 75	

July	28.	Henry Luther	1 day	1 75	
	29.	" "	" "	1 75	
	30.	" "	" "	1 75	
Aug.	1.	" "	1-2 "	87	
	5.	" "	1 "	1 75	
	10.	" "	1-2 "	88	
	11.	" "	1 "	1 75	
	12.	" "	" "	1 75	
	13.	" "	" "	1 75	$31 51
June	22.	George Enos	1-2 "	75	
July	20.	" "	1 "	1 50	
	22.	" "	1-2 "	75	
	23.	" "	" "	75	
	28.	" "	1 "	1 50	
	29.	" "	1-2 "	75	
Aug.	11.	" "	" "	75	
Oct.	23.	" "	1 "	1 50	
Nov.	10.	" "	" "	75	$9 00
June	18.	Orrin Cash	1-2 "	87	
Aug.	31.	" "	1 "	1 75	
Sept.	5.	" "	3 h.	59	
	22.	" "	1-2 day	88	$4 09
July	16.	Frank Cash	3 h.	59	
	21.	" "	1-2 day	87	
	23.	" "	" "	88	
	28.	" "	1 "	1 75	
	29.	" "	" "	1 75	
	30.	" "	" "	1 75	
Aug.	4.	" "	1-2 "	88	
	5.	" "	" "	87	
Sept.	18.	" "	" "	88	
	29.	" "	2 h.	39	
	30.	" "	3 "	59	$11 20

July	10.	Antone Dutra	1-2 day	88	
Sept.	22.	" "	1 "	1 75	
	23.	" "	" "	1 75	
	24.	" "	" "	1 75	
	25.	" "	" "	1 75	
	26.	" "	" "	1 75	
Oct.	2.	" "	1-2 "	87	$10 50
Aug.	10.	George Chace	" "	88	
	11.	" "	" "	87	
	13.	" "	" "	87	
Nov.	17.	" "	" "	88	$3 50
	11.	Frank Childs	1 "	1 75	$1 75
Sept.	18.	Joe Dutra	1-2 "	88	
	21.	" "	1 "	1 75	
	22.	" "	" "	1 75	
	23.	" "	" "	1 75	
	24.	" "	" "	1 75	
	25.	" "	" "	1 75	
	26.	" "	" "	1 75	
	28.	" "	" "	1 75	
	29.	" "	1-2 "	87	
	30.	" "	1 "	1 75	
Oct.	1.	" "	" "	1 75	
	2.	" "	" "	1 75	$19 25
Sept.	18.	John Frates	1-2 "	88	
	21.	" "	1 "	1 75	
	22.	" "	" "	1 75	
	23.	" "	" "	1 75	
	24.	" "	" "	1 75	
	25.	" "	" "	1 75	
	26.	" "	" "	1 75	
	28.	" "	" "	1 75	
	29.	" "	1-2 "	87	

Sept. 30.	John Frates	1 day	1 75	
Oct. 1.	" "	" "	1 75	$17 50
	C. H. Smith, 12 sign posts			6 00
	H. A. Briggs, material 22 loads material	1 horse		2 20
				$198 21

Received payment,

H. A. BRIGGS.

Northern Section—Daniel B. Williams R. C.

March 10 to March 31, 1908.

D. B. Williams	7 1-2 hours	1 68	
2 Horses and cart	2 " "	70	
Hired man	" " "	48	
Joe Vieira	26 "	5 05	
Antone Grasse	64 "	12 44	
Leonard W. Pierce	45 "	8 75	
Harold L. Pierce	5 "	88	
John Chandler, 2 men and horse and cart 4 1-2 hours		2 44	$32 48

April 1 to April 30.

D. B. Williams	8 1-2 days	17 00	
2 Horses and cart	6 " 3 hours	17 33	
1 " " "	3 " 3 "	4 95	
A. G. Williams, lumber for bridge		3 98	
Repairing Scraper		75	
A. G. Williams & Co., lumber for North Dighton bridge		143 00	
Spikes and nails		1 98	
6 Posts		75	
Geo. Williams	5 days 8 hours	10 31	
John E. Chandler, 2 horses and cart and man 3 days		13 50	

Antone Grasse	7 days 1 hour		12 45	
Herbert Wyatt	3 " 3 1-2 hours		14 68	
James Luther	6 " 8 hours		12 06	
Horse and cart	6 " 8 "		9 30	
Jacob Davis	7 " 4 "		13 04	
Joe Vieira	8 " 3 "		14 39	
Thomas Moran, material, 48 2 h. l. at 10 cts. per load		4 80		
51 1 h. l. at 5 cts. per load		2 55	7 35	
Daniel Smith,	7 days 8 hours		13 81	
Antone	4 " 2 "		7 39	
N. O. Codding	3 "		5 25	
Martin Mahar	3 "		5 25	
Horse and cart	3 "		4 05	
V. R. Saunders	4 " 2 "		8 36	
Archeg Barbaraian	1 "		1 75	
H. E. Williams	4 " 5		7 88	
Horse and cart	2 "		2 70	
				$353 46

May 15—June 5.

D. B. Williams	15 days		30 00	
2 Horses and carts	13 "		35 75	
D. B. Williams, material				
26 2 h. l. at 8 cts per l.		3 04		
54 1 " " 4 " "		4 05	7 09	
40 Foot planks			3 75	$308 92

June 8 to June 30.

D. B. Williams	2 1-2 days		5 00
2 Horses and cart	" "		5 50
1 " " "	1-2 "		75
10 Foot boards			25

Geo. Williams	2 days 3 hours		4 09	
Hired man	" "		3 50	
Horse and cart	" "		3 00	
H. E. Williams	" "		3 50	
Horse and cart	" "		2 70	
Antone	" "		3 50	
Joe Vieira	" "		3 50	
Herbert Wyatt	" "		3 60	
V. R. Saunders	" "		2 50	
J. T. W. Reed, material				
26 2 h. l. at 8 cts. per l.		208		
66 1 " " " "		264	4 72	
James H. Luther	5 "		8 75	
Horse and cart	2 "		3 00	
Daniel Smith	5 "		8 75	
W. R. Wheeler	5 1-2 "		9 05	$76 56
	July 25 to July 31.			
D. B. Williams	2 1-2 days		5 00	
2 Horses and cart	4 " 1 1-2 h.		11 42	
Geo. O. Williams	4 " 3		7 59	
Antone	4 " 2		7 39	
Joe Vieira	4 " 1		7 20	
Herbert Wyatt	4 "		7 00	
W. R. Wheeler	3 "		5 25	
James Luther	1-2 "		88	
Horse and cart	" "		75	
M. O. Codding	1 1-2 h.		30	
Horse and cart	1 " "		22	$53 00
	Aug. 6 to Sept. 4.			
D. B. Williams	1 1-2 "		3 00	
2 Horses and cart	1 "		2 75	
Antone	2 " 6 h.		4 67	
Antone Vieira	1 " " "		4 67	
V. R. Saunders	3 " 7 "		6 61	

James Luther	3 " 1-2 "	5 35	
Horse and cart	1-2 "	75	
Daniel Smith	3 " 1-2 "	5 35	
Herbert Wyatt	2 1-2 "	4 38	
W. R. Wheeler	6 " 6 "	11 68	
E. Hathaway	1 "	1 75	$50 96
	Sept. 8. to Nov. 4.		
Herbert Wyatt	7 days 7 hours	13 63	
D. B. Williams, 2 horses and cart 2 d. 7 h.		7 64	
Geo. O. Williams	3 days 7 hours	6 61	
Joe Vieira	1 " " "	3 11	
Antone	1 " " "	3 30	
N. A. Walker, 1 d. 7 1-2 h., 12 loads material		4 41	
H. A. Walker	1 day 7 1-2 hours	3 21	
H. A. Williams	1 "	1 75	
Horse and cart	1 "	1 35	
Mrs. Horton, 10 loads material		1 00	$46 00

The whole amount paid Daniel B. Williams from Mar. 10, 1908 to Nov. 4, 1908 $921 58

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL B. WILLIAMS,

Road Commissioner.

Western District.

C. A. HORTON, R. C.

Amount of work done to May 7, 1908.

Bill for labor of C. A. Horton and others		4 28

Amount of work done to April 4, 1908.

Mar.	18.	C. A. Horton and 3 men, 6 hours	5 71
	19.	" " " 1 " 2 "	79
	30.	" " " 3 " 10 "	7 25
	31.	" " double cart and man 10 hours	6 50

	4 men 10 hours	7 00	
Apr. 1.	C. A. Horton and 2 men 10 hours	5 50	
2.	" " " 2 " " "	5 50	
3.	" " " 3 " " "	7 25	
	Double cart and man " "	4 50	
I. G. Horton,			
	Double cart and man 56 "	25 50	
	1 man 2 "	39	
	Mar. 18, 19, 20, 21; Apr. 1, 2, 3.		
James N. Horton,			
	Double cart and man, 56 hours	18 75	
	Mar. 18, 30; Apr. 1, 2, 3.		
Jesse Horton,			
	Mar. 18, labor 6 hours	1 15	
O. N. Horton,			
	Apr. 2, 3, labor 15 hours	2 65	
W. B. Reed,			
	142 double loads gravel	14 20	
George Tedd,			
	Labor 20 hours	3 50	
			116 14

Amount work done Apr. 4, to May 5, 1908.

Double cart	70 hours		
C. A. Horton	90 "		
Labor	220 "		
Horse	10 "	93 90	
Irving G. Horton,			
	Double cart and man 87 hours	39 50	
	Apr. 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 29, 30, 15; May 1.		
James N. Horton,			
	Double cart and man 27 hours	12 50	
	Apr. 10, 15, 16.		

Orrin N. Horton,		
Labor 65 hours	11 38	
Apr. 9, 10, 15, 16, 29, 30; May 1.		
A. T. Pierce		
Labor 19 hours		
" 40 "		
Double cart and man 35 hours	26 25	
C. A. Horton, 140 loads gravel	11 20	
Geo. Horton, 56 loads gravel	4 48	
H. West, 53 loads	4 24	
	———	203 45

Amount of work done from May 6 to June 4, '08.

C. A. Horton,		
Double cart and man 90 hours		
Labor 190 "		
C. A. Horton 100 "	92 75	
May 6, 9, 20, 21, 25, 26, 28, 29; June 1, 2, 3.		
Irving G. Horton,		
Single cart and man 40 hours		
Double " " " 50 "	35 50	
May 20, 21, 25, 26, 28, 29; June 1, 2, 3.		
James N. Horton,		
Double cart and man 90 hours	39 70	
May 20, 21, 25, 26, 28, 29; June 1, 2, 3.		
G. E. Horton, labor 5 hours		
Double cart and man 20 hours	9 88	
June 2, 3.		
George Horton, labor 50 hours		
Double cart and man 20 hours June 2, 3,	12 50	
W. B. Reed, labor 35 hours	6 13	
May 20, 21, 25, 26.		
A. A. Horton, labor 35 hours	6 13	
May 20, 21, 25, 26.		

E. E. Horton, labor 35 hours	6 13	
May 20, 21, 25, 26.		
A. T. Pierce, labor 40 hours	7 00	
May 20, 21.		
O. N. Horton, labor 40 hours	7 00	
May 20, 21, 25, 26.		
C. A. Horton, labor one man and self		
Double cart, 5 hours June 4	4 13	
		226 85
Amount of work done June 4 to 15.		
C. A. Horton, labor of self and others		
and teams June 4 to 15	49 55	
Amount of work done from June 15 to Oct. 2, 1908.		
C. A. Horton, 40 hours		
Labor 190 "		
Horse 55 "		
Single cart 10 "	51 38	
Aug. 11, 14; Sept. 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29, 30.		
Irving G. Horton,		
Double cart and man 55 hours	24 75	
Aug. 11, Sept. 16, 22, 25, 28, 29, 30.		
James N. Horton,		
Double cart and man 40 hours		
Labor 45 "	25 88	
C. A. Horton, 40 loads gravel	3 20	
		$105 21
Total expenditures	$704 98	
Cash from Treas.		$704 98

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. HORTON,

Road Commissioner.

Public Library Report.

The Trustees herewith submit their thirteenth Annual Report.

No. volumes in library,	2262		
No. borrowers cards,	184		
Circulation for year,	3047		
Received from fines and catalogues,		$2.77	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1907,		1.29	
			$4.06
Paid car fare,		$2.00	
Paid dating stamp,		.25	
Paid freight and postage,		.90	
			$3.15
Balance in hands of Trustees Dec. 31, 1908,			.91

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT F. LANE,

For the Trustees.

Patriotic Record.

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY.

Eugene F. Rose	Civil war.

WESTVILLE CEMETERY.

Hodijah Baylies	Civil war.

Dec. 31, 1908.

D. D. ANDREWS,
N. O. WALKER,
S. H. WHELDEN,
} Committee.

Town Clerk's Report.

The following is a synopsis of business as recorded during 1908.

At the annual town meeting held March 2d, 1908, Nathan O. Walker, D. Thurber Wood, Jr., Willard J. Reed, William E. Walker, and George T. Horton were appointed as tellers. Charles S. Chase was elected moderator.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

William H. Walker, Charles A. Horton, Josiah S. Place, George M. Chase, Edmund Hathaway, Provost Scott, and Albert N. Goff.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Town Clerk for 3 years Dwight F. Lane.

Town Treasurer, Dwight F. Lane.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Board of Health, { Charles S. Chase, George M. Chase, E. Elsworth Lincoln.

Assessor for 3 years, George E. Gooding.

Assessor for 2 years Leroy J. Wade.

Assessor for 1 year Charles W. Chase.

C. W. Chase afterwards resigned and Robert W. Witmarsh was appointed to serve the balance of the year.

School Committee for 3 years, Ernest J. Bartlett, Josiah S. Place.

Tax Collector, Albert N. Goff.

Tree Warden, Edmund Hathaway.

Auditor, Robert W. Whitmarsh. Howard C. Briggs afterwards appointed auditor, Mr. Whitmarsh having accepted the office of assessor.

Constables, Edmund Hathaway, Fred Millard, Herbert N. Walker, Charles A. Horton, George M. Chase, Leroy J. Wade, William B. Kay.

Road Commissioner for 3 years Daniel B. Williams.

Measurer of Wood and Bark, Edmund Hathaway.

Fish Wardens, Walter E. Chase, William E. Walker, Edmund Hathaway.

Oyster Wardens, Walter E. Chase, William E. Walker, Edward Haskins.

Field Drivers, George N. Goff, Walter Talbot.

Measurer of Lumber, George E. Gooding.

Public Weigher, William Z. Whitmarsh.

The committee to prepare an itemized Road Commissioners Report was as follows : Herbert N. Walker, D. Thurber Wood, aud George A. Reed.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Schools,	3,000 00
Fuel and Janitors,	800 00
High Schhol Incidentals,	800 00
High School Tuition,	1,200 00
Music and Drawing,	500 00
Transportation of High School Pupils,	500 00
Medical inspection of schools,	50 00
School supervision,	250 00
Painting School houses,	200 00
Roads and Bridges,	1,800 00
Dighton and Berkley Bridge	200 00

Town Debt,	1,500 00
Poor and Almshouse,	800 00
Town Incidentals,	400 00
Interest Charges,	550 00
Observance of Memorial Day,	40 00
Police Service,	200 00
Painting Town Hall,	100 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	100 00
Extra expenditure on Macadam Road,	724 19

Herbert A. Briggs, Charles S. Chase and John W. Earle were chosen a committee to investigate and report as to the advisability and proper method of building some macadam road in conjunction with the State Highway Commission.

Voted that the compensation for labor on the Highway be for a man one dollar and seventy-five cents for nine hours work, for other labor same as last year which was, for a horse 12 1-2 cents per hour, for cart 2 1-2 cents per hour, for horse and cart 15 cents per hour or $1.50 for ten hours, for yoke of oxen and cart 20 cents per hour or $2.00 for ten hours, for double team of horses $2.75 per day or $1.25 for each horse, for shoveling snow 20 cents per hour.

The committee on the expenditure of money on macadam roads reported by reading an opinion from two of the leading attorneys of Taunton that the town was not liable for the amount expended in excess of $10,000. These opinions are now on file with the Town Clerk.

Voted to raise and appropriate seven hundred and twenty four and $\frac{19}{100}$ dollars to reimburse the committe on macadam roads for amounts which they had paid out in excess of the appropriation of $10,000.

The reports of the Town Officers were accepted with the exception of the Road Commissioner's Report.

Voted the compensation of the Tax Callector be 1% of all legally assessed taxes.

Voted the compensation of the Treasurer be one hundred dollars.

Voted that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to and for the use of the Town of Dighton in anticipation of the taxes for the present municipal year the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time with the approval of a majority of the Selectmen, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate eight thousand dollars, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the Town therefor payable within one year from the time the loan is made. Any debts incurred by a loan or loans to the Town under this vote shall be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

(It was voted at a later meeting to increase this amount to ten thousand dollars.)

Voted to instruct the Overseers of the Poor, to hire a Town Physician and a Supt. of Almshouse for the year succeeding their term of office.

Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 560, Sec. 367 of the Acts of 1907 to take effect at the annual Town meeting in March 1909, which is to choose one Selectman for 3 years, one for 2 years, and one for 1 year, every year after 1909 to choose one Selectman for 3 years.

Voted that the Town Officers be required to furnish bonds from some bond company allowed to do business in the Commonwealth, and that the Town pay for said bonds.

The vote on the license question resulted as follows: Yes, fifty one; No, one hundred and twenty.

At the adjourned annual meeting held April 4th, voted to take $100. from the dog fund and to raise and appropriate $100 by taxation for the Public Library.

At the Town meeting June 6th, 1908, Charles S. Chase was chosen moderator.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to waive the Town rights to build a section of macadam road under Sec. 10 of Chapter 47 of the Revised Laws.

Voted to authorize the Selectmen to purchase equipment suitable for the sealer of weights and measures and to raise and appropriate $100. to pay for same.

Voted to empower and authorize the Selectmen to execute a bond to indemnify the Commonwealth against damage by the taking of land or change of grade by building a state highway on Somerset Ave.

Voted that this vote shall apply to the building of state highway this year only.

The Southern Mass. Telephone Co. were authorized to erect poles and wires on Summer St., from School St. to the Taunton line, School St. from Lincoln Ave. to Summer St.

Permission was granted the Mt. Hope Finishing Co. to lay water pipes from the corner of Mt. Hope Lane on Spring St. westerly to Summer St.

The Annual State and National election was held Tuesday Nov. 3, 1908.

Nathan O. Walker and Henry E. Williams were appointed Ballot clerks, Silas H. Whelden, Francis Waldron, Albert N. Goff, and William E. Walker, appointed tellers. The ballots having been assorted and counted the result was declared as follows:

The electors for Bryan and Kern, 33 votes each.
" " " Chafin and Watkins, 3 votes each.
" " " Hisgen and Graves, 2 " "
" " " Taft and Sherman, 187 " "

For Governor, James F. Carey of Haverhill 5, Eben S. Draper of Hopedale 153, Walter J. Hoar of Worcester 1, William N. Osgood of Lowell 5, James H. Vahey of Water-

town 38, Willard O. Wylie of Beverly 8, Melvin O. Adams of Boston 1.

For Lieut. Governor, Charles J. Barton of Melrose 16, Joao Claudino of New Bedford 1, Louis A. Frothingham of Boston 157, John Hall, Jr. of West Springfield 2, Robert J. McCartney of Kingston 6, Frank N. Rand of Haverhill 4.

For Secretary, James F. Aylward of Cambridge 17, Herbert B. Griffin of Boston 7, George Nelson of Boston 1, William N. Olin of Boston 147, John F. Williams of Waltham 6.

For Treasurer, Charles E. Butterworth of Somerville 6, Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke 152, Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware 2, Edward Kendall of Cambridge 6, Erwin H. Kennedy of Pittsfield 11.

For Auditor, John E. Dempsey of Fall River 6, William D. Moon of Lynn 9, Henry E. Turner of Malden 140, Simeon Viger of Lawrence 14.

For Attorney General, Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park 9, Elliot C. Harding of Tisbury 2, Dana Malone of Greenfield 134, John McCarty of Abington 1, Richard J. Talbot of Springfield 6, John Alden Thayer of Worcester 14.

For Congressman, Charles W. Copeland of Fall River 8, William S. Greene of Fall River 156, John F. McGuinness of New Bedford 15.

For Councillor, Albion F. Bemis of Brookline 142, Charles G. Kidder of Taunton 17.

For Senator, Michael Joseph Brohen of Attleboro 14, William M. Dean of Taunton 110, Albert G. Godfrey of Taunton 61.

For Representative in General Court, Ralph Davol of Taunton 130, William J. Roberts of Taunton 62.

For County Commissioner, Charles H. Harrington of Fall River 26, Richard E. Warner of Taunton 164.

For Register of Probate and Insolvency, Arthur M. Alger of Taunton 182.

At the town meeting Nov. 3, 1908 the two fishing privileges belonging to the town were sold at public auction to Albert N. Goff and Edward D. Perry at $15 each.

At the meeting of the Town and City clerks of Taunton, Dighton, Rehoboth and Berkley Ralph Davol was declared elected Representative from the Fifth Bristol District.

The Selectmen have made the following appointments during the year.

Special Constables, George W. Chaplin, Lewis F Ridley, Charles Marsch, John Bailey, Albert N. Goff, John F. Gaffney, Josiah S. Place.

Public Weighers, William B. Carey, Edward E. Barlow.

Forest Fire Ward, Ralph Earle.

Burial Agent, Nathan O. Walker.

Agent Board of Health, Dwight F. Lane.

Auctioneer, Charles S. Chase.

Inspector of Animals and Meats, William H. Walker.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Albert N. Goff.

License to sell Fireworks, A. L. Briggs, John Jeswalty, Fred N. Reed, Mary E. Perry.

Registrar of Voters for 3 years, Clarence C. Andrews.

Jurors drawn during year: Charlie G. Staples, Rufus P. Horton, Silas H. Whelden, Francis Waldron, John T. Adams, William T. Place, George H. Walker, Ralph Thornley, Alfred A. Horton, James H. Luther.

Town Clerk's Report.

BIRTHS REGISTERED DURING 1908.

DATE.	NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 6.	Vera Viola Sylvia	Antone and Edith M. Sylvia
7.	Amy Louise Rose	Frank W. and Amy L. Rose
16.	Edgar Franklin Childs	Frank R. and Nettie M. Childs
22.	Malcolm Lindley Horton	George and Blanche Horton
28.	Still Born	
28.	Still Born	
28.	White	Sylvester and Hattie White
Feb. 1.	Joseph Rodericks	Joseph and Isabella Rodericks
20.	Perry	Manuel and Marie Perry
25.	Tower	John and Marie Tower
Mar. 10.	Robert Holt	William and Edith Holt
11.	Evelyn Whitehead	John W. and Mary A. Whitehead
14.	Carleton Douglas Horton	J. Nelson and Minnie C. Horton
27.	Madeline Rose Marsch	Charles J. and Sarah E. Marsch
28.	Maud Francis Ingalls	Edward S. and Florence E. Ingalls
Apr. 2.	William Wallace Hunter	William J. and Etta D. Hunter
9.	Marion Ethel Andrews	Jos. Willis and Martha E. Andrews
15.	Loletta Alphonsie Rose	Harry P. and Lodia L. Rose
16.	Frances Suite	Joe Perry and Marie A. Suite
May 2.	Lawrence Elliot Horton	Gaius and Jennie Horton
3.	Still Born	
11.	Mary Sylvia	Frank P. and Annie Sylvia
23.	Deane	Frederick L. and Catherine Deane
25.	Allan Russell Westcott	Harry R. and Elner J. Westcott
25.	Kathleen Doucet	John B. and Catherine Doucet
June 9.	Mary Pachic	Manuel and Mary Pachic
10.	Emma Souza	Manuel Enos and Annie Souza
11.	Delphina Amelia Dutra	Joe and Delphina Dutra

19.	Joseph White	Manuel and Mary White
July 4.	Manuel Robell	Manuel and Mary Robell
19.	Everett Austin Wheeler	Clifford F. and Eleanor B. Wheeler
27.	McVicker	Seth and Sadie McVicker
27.	Manuel Poutes	August and Marie Poutes
29.	Arthur Kenworthy	James and Mary Kenworthy
Aug. 1.	Still Born	
9.	Lucy Bowen	Norman S. and Renetta M. Bowen
12.	Antone Vagas	Joseph and Mary Vagas
14.	Mary Alice Tardy	Ernest and Lydia Tardy
15.	O'Mally	Manuel and Mary O'Mally
16.	Philip Vernon Hornby	Philip and Annie Hornby
26.	Illegitimate	
28.	Manuel Rodigney	Marion and Marie Rodigney
Sept. 18.	Manuel Sylvia	John S. and Mary Sylvia
9.	Illegitimate	
Oct. 19.	Louise Cardoza	John and Franceline Cardoza
Oct. 22.	Sarah Trimble	Samuel and A. Sarah Trimble
Nov. 2.	Still Born	
15.	Antone Sylvia Borges	Manuel S. and Annie Borges
25.	Marjorie Stead	Walter and Edith Alice Stead
Dec. 13.	Mary Suite	Frank P. and Marie Suite
30.	Carr	Charles and Gertrude Carr

MARRIAGES REGISTERED DURING 1908.

Jan. 2. Frederick James Swan and Kathleen Rideout both of Dighton by Rev. O. H. Wallace.

Jan. 24. John E. Sullivan of Dighton and Alice G. McVay of Taunton by Rev. James W. Conlin.

Feb. 29. John Enos and Isabell Enos both of Dighton by Rev. M. A. Silva.

Mar. 2. Jose S. Alves of Dighton and Maria De S. Wagan of Rehoboth by Rev. M. A. Sylva.

Mar. 9. Robert S. Kay of Dighton and Bertha Carrier of Shoreham, Vt., by Rev. Martin T. Braley.

Apr. 22. William E. Goff of Dighton and Lillian F. Goff of Rehoboth by Rev. Robert Humphreys.

May 7. Herbert H. Hewett of Fall River and Susie B. Lincoln of Dighton by Rev. L. B. Bates.

June 24. Henry Wood of Taunton and Elsie Horton of Dighton by Rev. Warren A. Leonard.

June 29. Francisco P. Garcia and Rosa E. da C. de Jesus both of Dighton by Rev. M. A. Silva.

Aug. 6. Manuel d Ormellas and Marie Silva both of Dighton by Rev. M. A. Silva.

Aug. 24. Lester Chase and Mabel Esterbrooks both of Dighton by Rev. J. B. Aldrich.

Aug. 26. Henry I. Potter and Edith L. Babbitt both of Dighton by Rev. J. B. Aldrich.

Oct. 1. Tony M. Silvia and Theresa Silvia both of Dighton by Rev. Alex. F. Loues.

Sept. 26. Lyman E. Smith and Anna Collins Negus both of Dighton by Rev. Walter R. Bartlett.

Oct. 6. Irving J. Gardner of Swansea and Bertha L. Horton of Dighton by Rev. F. Lewis Brooks.

Oct. 14. Augustus Tavis of Dighton and Agnes Lally of Fall River by Rev. Wm. H. Gurley.

Oct. 28. Frank Hammett Childs of New Bedford and Mabel Hinckley Congdon of Dighton by Rev. W. R. Bartlett.

Nov. 14. William M. Padelford and Annie Ethel Walker both of Taunton by Rev. Jos. E. Sears.

Nov. 24. John Handley and Jennie Rebecca Saunders both of Dighton by Rev. J. B. Aldrich.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1908.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 8.	John Walton	76	2	7	Arterio Sclerosis.
12.	Cynthia Standish	86	2		Senile Debility.
17.	Hiram Nelson Bowen	66	5	8	Lobar Pneumonia.
28.	Still born				
28.	Still born				
Feb. 3.	Still born				
9.	Eugene F. Rose	60	10	9	Cerebral Hemorrhage.
20.	Jarvis B. Horton	77	6	7	Apoplexy.
28.	Alexander Balfour		11		Bronchitis.
Mar. 11.	Lucinda B. Horton	67	5	15	Dilatation of Heart.
18.	Charlotte A. Talbot	83	2	1	Arterio Sclerosis.
Apr. 8.	Edward Siddall	63	5	26	Tuberculoses of Lungs
13.	Robert E. Atwood	61	5	3	Typhoid Plu. Pneumonia
May 4.	Still born				
19.	Mary C. Wood	93	8	26	Senility.
26.	Still born				
26.	Manuel Enos Peninsular	56			Gangrene of Lungs.
31.	Madeline Rose Marsch		2	3	Marasmus.
June 1.	Jennie Florence Whitaker	12	3	20	Tuberclosis.
July 6.	Ellen M. Woodmancy	52	3	26	Cancer of Stomach.
7.	Albert E. Horton	43	7	12	Typhoid Fever.
Aug. 1.	Mary W. Green	78			Gastric Sclerosis.
8.	R. Lizzie Smith	42	2	5	Cancer.
15.	William Wallace Hunter		4	13	Gastro Enteritis.
31.	Robert Allen	72	9	11	Apopleria
Sept. 10.	Elisha K. Paull	84	5	10	Senility.
23.	Lena Mildred Macomber	19		11	Tuberculosis.
26.	Elizabeth West Hale	71	5		Heart Failure. Senility.

Oct. 16.	Hodijah Baylies	77	6	4	Nephritis Chronic. Sen.
Nov. 2.	Still born				
22.	Clarissa Amelia Ashley	74	1	19	Lobar Pneumonia.
25.	Philip Vernon Hornby		3	9	Accidental Suffocation.
27.	Mary E. Hathaway	62	2	10	Dilatation of Heart.
Dec. 5.	Laurilla B. Goff	85	1	10	Senility.
10.	Daniel B. Williams	59	10	28	Valvular Heart Disease.
20.	Francis Waldron	53		27	Pulmon'ry Tuberculosis.
22.	Emma E. Viera	47			Gall Stones.
27.	Elizabeth W. Briggs	88	3	17	Paralysis.
29.	Walter E. Chase	35		20	Pulmonary Embolus, Oper. Gast. Enterostery

DOGS LICENSED DURING YEAR 1908.

OWNER'S NAMES.		OWNER'S NAMES.	
Ernest J. Bartlett	1	Antone Vera	1
Geo. A. White	1 fe.	C. A. Horton	2
W. E. Walker	1	J. N. Horton	1
Mrs. John Thwaites.	1 fe.	Manuel Costa Peira	1
Andrew Cramer	1	Manuel F. Sylvia	1
E. E. Horton	1	E. E. Lincoln	2
Manuel P. V. Marie	1	John F. Glynn	1
Henry W. Horton	1	Walter R. Bartlett	1
Joe Mello	1	W. T. Place	1
Antone Silvia	3	S. D. Nichols	1
Howard S. Wood	1	Chas. F. Gagnon	1
Jos. D. Rose	1	David Donaghy	1
Albert W. Grant	1	S. H. Welden	1
Everett F. Horton	2	Ethel R. D. Eddy	1
Jesse Horton	1	Antone Gracia	1
James Moon	1	Lyman Emerson	1
B. E. Rose	1 fe.	James Wilde	1
Louis Fraser	1	Harold B. Gardiner	1 fe.
John J. Murray	1	Harry Rose	1 fe.
John Silvia	1	Willard Reed	1
B. F. Hathaway	1	Louis Hudro	1
Arthur T. Pierce	1	L. F. Simmons	1
Geo. E. Chase	1	Frank Noeltie	1 fe.
John Silver	1	E. Chadwick	1 fe.
Frank Albert	1	W. C. Talbot	1
Wm. H. Tomlinson	3	Howard P. Hathaway	1
Antone Goulat	1	W. B. Kay	1
L. E. White	1	Sylvester White	1

Forrest A. Whitmarsh	1	George Tweedy	1
Geo. O. Williams	1	Maude D. Hoyt	1
Leila Eddy	1	Andra Martial	1 fe.
Chas. Wyatt	1 fe.	Joe Perry Suite	1
Jos. B. Sayles	1	Byron M. Waldron	
Jos. Sankey	1	G. M. Fassett	1
Arthur F. Sprague	1 fe.	J. L. Boomer	1
Chas. W. Hayes	1 fe.	T. P. Williams	1
Fred Smith	1 fe.	C. C. Marble	1 m. 1 fe.
H. E. Brown	1	Chas. A. Chase	1
Edward Gay	1	Arthur Reed	1 m. 1 fe.
Ella Waldron	1	Marshal Waters	1
Herbert Ballou	1	Harry Bridgeford	1
Matthew McNally	1	James Luther	1
John Stanley	1	A. E. Briggs	1
A. F. Wescoat	3	A. L. Young	1
J. T. W. Reed	1	Albert L. Briggs	1
Leslie P. Horton	1	John A. Bailie	1
G. A. Kazarjaunna	1	L. E. Butler	1
Mary Enos	1	D. D. Andrews	1
John Lassen	1	Chas. S. Chase	1
M. F. Borges	1	Clara B. Waterman	1
Victor Shearves	1 fe.	Arthur Brightman	2
Frank P. Silvia	1	Charles Cole	1 fe.
Antone Silvia	1	Edgar Essex	1
A. F. Simmons	2	Wm. Longworth	1
Joe Perry Dupont	1	Emily E. Fraser	1
J. G. Romero	2	Louis H. Carr	3
James Weldon	1	Wm. A. Eddy	2
Mary W. Green	1	J. Emmons Briggs	1
Jos. W. Rose	1	Edmund Hathaway	1
C. O. Gay	1	Fred O. Walker	1
Samuel Trimble	1	Howard E. Wade	1
A. I. Ballou	1	Manuel Lewis	2
R. P. Lougee	1	Seth McVicker	1
Chas. E. Carr	1	L. T. Hathaway	1

Howard Tweedy	2	Manuel F. Rose	1
John Bogle	2	David F. Smith	1
H. C. Briggs	1	Louis B. Hathaway	1
Grace R. Paull	1	S. J. Eaton	1
Chas. Anthony	1	Patrick J. Brady	1
Melissa Davis	1	Herbert L. Horton	1
Wm. Hunter	1	Leonard Pierce	1
Henry Potter	1 fe.	George A. Richmond	1
G. I. Potter	1 fe.	Thomas Moran	1
N. B. Horton	1	B. I. Hathaway	1
Walter Wheeler	1	E. A. M. Hathaway	1
George Rubadoe	1	Charles B. Lee	1
Josias Hall	1	Wm. O. Lee	1
Manuel D. Amerel	1	Frank Mendosa	1
John Doucette	1	James Carliss	1
Almond Horton	1	Manuel S. Meduros	1 fe.
J. T. Adams	1	George H. Townsend	3
Leslie Welden	1	Geo E. Hathaway	1

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT F. LANE, Town Clerk.

VALUATION

AND

TAX LIST

OF THE

Town of Dighton,

For the Year 1908.

Valuation and Tax List

OF THE

TOWN OF DIGHTON, MASS.

AS ASSESSED MAY 1, 1908,

NAME	Poll Tax	Personal Estate	Real Estate	Total Tax
Josephus P. Ashley		$30	$1350	$20 43
Robert Allen	2		800	13 64
Estate Robert E. Atwood			1840	27 24
Abby J. Atwood			200	2 96
Edward Almy	2	4050	5845	148 45
Merion Amorurial	2		800	13 54
Herbert F. Atwood	2	75		3 11
Charles G. Anthony	2			2 00
Rev. James B. Aldrich	2			2 00
Heirs of George Briggs			205	3 04
Ira P. Briggs	2	75	2860	45 44
David H. and Walter W. Briggs			200	2 96
Heirs of Henry Briggs			1325	19 61
Everett H. Briggs	2	100		3 48
Sarah P. Briggs			250	3 70
Estate of Albert Briggs			2630	38 93
Sarah J. Briggs			150	2 22
Joseph E. Briggs and Albert S. Briggs			320	4 74
Joseph E. Briggs		160	3200	49 73

Franklin Briggs			1875	27 75
Estate of William Burnett		60	1425	21 09
Martha M. Babbitt		50	150	2 96
Albert S. Briggs	2	180	800	16 50
Hiram W. Briggs	2	55	665	12 67
Hiram W. Briggs and H. R. West			10	15
James B. Babbitt		105	425	22 65
John L. Boomer	2			2 00
Anna J. Boomer			2650	39 22
Elizabeth W. Briggs			1000	14 85
Laura A. Briggs			2625	38 80
N. Wallace Babbitt	2	215	1850	32 57
Emerson H. Baylies	2		540	10 00
Frank A. D. Bullard	2	275	2580	44 25
Mary W. Briggs			110	1 63
Fanny M. Babbitt			550	5 18
Heirs of Roseltha Bliss			325	4 81
Albert G. Bosworth	2	230		5 41
Emma J. Bosworth and Albert G. Bosworth			650	9 62
John O. Babbitt	2			2 00
Howard C. Briggs	2	400	800	19 96
Frederick L. Boothe	2		1250	20 50
Herbert L. Ballou	2			2 00
Celia G. Ballou		250		3 70
J. Harvey Briggs,	2	125	1025	19 02
Patrick J. Brady	2		975	16 43
John Barbarian	2	260	1060	21 54
James Baxter	2			2 00
Ernest J. Bartlett and Alberta A. Bartlett		130	3650	55 95
Ernest J. Bartlett	2			2 00
Henry S. Bridgeford	2			2 00
Helen D. Bridgeford			200	2 96
Henry E. Brown	2			2 00

John Bell	2				2 00
Arthur C. Boyce	2			1925	30 49
Frederick Brune	2				2 00
Joseph P. Boliran	2			1925	30 49
Agnes Blackwell				325	4 81
John Bailey	2				2 00
George E. Borden	2				2 00
George Biggins	2				2 00
Samuel N. Codding	2			1050	17 54
Charles S. Chace	2		50	5620	85 92
Nathan O. Codding	2				2 00
Harrie C. Codding	2		50		2 79
Annie M. Codding				200	2 96
Ellen M. Codding				1075	15 91
Wid. of Emery Crosby				1450	21 46
John W. Chadwick				1250	18 50
George W. Card	2		50		2 74
George A. Clark	2	60		1190	20 50
John E. Chandler			250	800	15 54
George W. Cobb	2				2 00
Annie J. Cobb				925	13 69
G. Arthur Cobb	2				2 00
Clara L. Cobb				175	2 59
Walter E. Chace	2			1400	22 72
Walter Childs	2		30	1900	30 57
George M. Chace	2			1175	19 39
Charles A. Chace	2			230	5 41
Harris T. Childs	2				2 00
Manuel P. Cambrell	2		50	925	16 51
William F. Chace	2		130	1055	19 55
Manuel E. Costa	2		75	1035	18 93
Ernest E. Chadwick	2				2 00
George W. Chaplin	2				2 00
John J. Cardoza	2				2 00
Walter S. Congdon	2				2 00

Mary E. Congdon			1475	21 83
Manuel Cardosa	2			2 00
Nathan Cullingford	2			2 00
Manuel Cabrall	2		475	9 03
West Dighton Christian Church			1100	16 24
Manuel J. Cardosa			1650	25 90
Jesse J. Cardosa				
Manuel J. Cardosa	2			2 00
Jesse J. Cardosa	2			2 00
James Comersworth	2			2 00
Ernest Cady	2			2 00
Jesse Codding	2			2 00
Alexander Cook	2			2 00
Dighton Manufacturing Co.			18675	276 39
Jacob J. Davis			435	6 44
John F. Driscoll	2			2 00
Augustus F. Devere	2	100	525	11 25
Mary A. Daily			500	7 40
Estate of Arthur F. Dunlap			1850	27 38
David Donaghy	2	159	875	17 33
Joseph Perry Dupont	2	225	1490	27 39
William E. Davis	2	80		3 19
Albert M. Davis	2			2 00
John B. Doucette	2		700	12 36
Samuel W. Doughty	2			2 00
Leon Dia	2			2 00
Eurein W. Davis	2			2 00
Harrie Destosiers	2		1325	21 61
Lyman J. Emerson	2	30		2 45
Samuel J. Eaton	2	260	1475	26 68
Forace M. Eddy		25	250	4 07
Edgar Essex	2		575	10 51
Martha J. Essex			100	1 48
Estate of Samuel F. Eames			250	3 70

Charles H. Evans Treas. of Trustees of M. E. Church			800	11 84
George E. Francis		70	600	9 92
Addrienna French			325	4 81
Roland G. Farnham	2			2 00
Roland G. Farnham and Clara Farnham			975	14 43
Louis Frazure	2			2 00
John Fairbanks	2			2 00
Mary W. Greene		90	210	63 65
Charles O. Gay	2	1753	130	50 92
George E. Gooding	2	603	275	51 35
Albert N. Goff	2	125	130	5 78
Alfred N. Gay	2			2 00
Benjamin F. Goff	2	50	450	9 40
Henry N. Goff			50	74
John F. Glynn	2	30	1300	21 69
Albert W. Grant	2		650	11 62
Joseph B. Grant	2			2 00
Antone Goulett	2	150	1775	30 49
Arthur H. Goff	2		1700	27 16
Homer B. Goff	2	60		2 89
George E. Goff	2			2 00
Antone Grassie	2			2 00
Harriet N. Gooding			150	2 22
Manuel R. George	2			2 00
Calvin N. Gulliver	2			2 00
Estate of Leonard Horton			175	2 59
E. A. M. Hathaway	2	610	2680	50 70
Henry W. Horton	2	1245	2220	53 29
Estate of James H. Horton		85	1842	28 53
Gaius E. Horton	2	675	1425	33 08
Mary E. Hathaway		75	875	14 06

Rufus P. Horton	2	360	3130	53 66
Nathan P. Horton	2	485	2200	41 75
Estate of Josiah L. Horton			2140	31 68
Charles A. Horton	2	580	1355	30 65
Albert and J. N. Horton			100	1 48
Charles A. Horton and G. H. Goff			75	1 11
James N. Horton	2	290		4 30
L. Jennie Hathaway		170	650	12 14
Herbert H. Horton	2	135	830	16 29
James Hennessy	2	390	2900	50 70
Lawrence Hennessy	2		1900	30 12
Lydia F. Horr			575	8 51
George F. Hathaway	2	40	1075	18 51
Arthur A. Hathaway			800	11 84
William W. Hamilton	2			2 00
Lester T. Hathaway	2	230	500	12 81
George T. Horton	2	50	750	13 84
J. Albert Hayes	2	125		3 85
Benjamin I. Hathaway	2	175	990	19 25
Irving G. Horton	2	100		3 48
Charles W. Hayes	2	125	200	6 81
James Hamilton	2			2 00
George H. Horton			1395	20 66
George E. Hathaway	2			2 00
Harrie C. Hathaway	2			2 00
Lewis B. Hathaway	2			2 00
Howard A. and Irving G. Horton			400	5 92
Howard A. Horton	2			2 00
Edward E. Horton	2			2 00
Everett G. Horton	2	10		2 15
Charles S. Horton	2			2 00
Louis Hendro	2	325	2475	43 44
Edward C. Hall		30	795	12 19

James Houstan	2			2 00
Martha M. Houstan		180	2175	34 86
John Holt	2			2 00
Phillip Hornsbee	2			2 00
John Hanley	2			2 00
Alfred S. Houston	2			2 00
William J. Hunter	2			2 00
Jesse E. Horton	2		50	2 74
Thomas Hembourgh	2	50	675	12 73
Timothy Hurley	2			2 00
Irene L. Jones			300	4 44
John W. Jones	2		1900	31 12
Livonia King		30	175	3 04
John Kenyon	2			2 00
Garab A. Kenajanian and Luke Kasparian		205	1500	25 24
Garab A. Kenajanian	2			2 00
Luke Kasparian	2			2 00
Preston L. Kent	2			2 00
Andrew Kramer	2	115	525	11 48
William B. Kay	2	125	825	15 96
Manuel Kotaba	2	40		2 60
James Kenworthy	2			2 00
Mary M. Leonard			650	9 62
Charles S. Leonard	2			2 00
Nathaniel R. Lincoln	2		1450	23 46
Estate of A. Jennette Luther			60	89
Wid. Betsey Lincoln			1675	24 79
L. Lincoln and Co.		17950		265 66
Edward Lincoln	2			2 00
Anna L. Lincoln			2325	34 41
Edward Lincoln, treas. of Christian Society			575	8 51
Estate of Patience Lincoln			1200	17 76
James H. Luther		105	135	3 56

Charles E. Lincoln	2	200	1250	23 46
E. Elsworth Lincoln	2		2170	34 12
Dwight F. Lane	2	245	2525	43 01
Henry C. L. Lincoln	2		1450	23 46
Theodore W. Leonard	2			2 00
Charles H. Leonard	2			2 00
William Langworthy	2		980	16 51
Henry H. Lincoln	2		1025	17 17
John A. Lewis	2		2525	39 37
Warren A. Leonard	2			2 00
Edward E. Lincoln	2	200		4 96
John Leland	2			2 00
Ruel P. Souza	2			2 00
Manuel M. Louis	2	330	4275	70 16
Thomas Moran	2	78	605	12 12
Matthew McNally	2	275	1460	27 74
Estate of Owen McCabe			975	14 43
Sylvia P. Marston and Viola G. Marston			350	5 88
Charles C. Marble	2	1300	2600	59 67
William S. Mansfield	2			2 00
William J. Mansfield	2			2 00
John W. Mansfield	2			2 00
David G. Mansfield	2			2 00
James E. McCabe	2			2 00
Louis O. Martin	2	50	1450	24 20
John Murray	2			2 00
Edward Murray	2			2 00
Martin Maher	2	75		3 11
William E. May	2		1375	22 35
Charles J. Marsh	2		1925	30 49
Mt. Hope Finishing Co.		104000	47600	2243 68
Mary McNally			825	12 21
Isaac Mairs	2			2 00
Edward J. Moran	2			2 00

Thomas F. Markey	2			2 00
Peter E. Markey	2			2 00
William Maguire	2			2 00
William Marston	2			2 00
Patrick McLaughlin	2			2 00
William J. Moore	2			2 00
John Marsh	2			2 00
James R. Moore	2			2 00
Richard McLaughlin	2			2 00
Joses De Monsiurie	2			2 00
John McAphave	2			2 00
Annie C. Negus		90	1850	28 72
Frank Noeltie	2			2 00
Alfred H. Noeltie	2			2 00
John O'Connor	2	120	1690	28 80
Daniel O'Connor	2			2 00
Daniel O'Brien	2	70	1015	18 07
James O'Brien	2			2 00
William O'Connell	2			2 00
Mary Ann O'Connell			1100	16 28
Odd Fellows Building Associaton			1500	22 20
William Oates	2			2 00
Heirs of Henry Pitts			400	5 92
Abigail B. Phillips			1200	17 76
Dexter T. Pierce	2		2750	42 70
Leonard T. Pierce	2		650	11 62
John M. Perry	2			2 00
Margaret Perry				15 54
Walter J. Perry	2			2 00
Job W. Perry	2			2 00
Mary E. Perry		100		1 48
Clifford O. Perry	2			2 00
Estate of James N. Paul		650	5965	97 91
William T. Place	2	25	1750	28 27
Alfred W. Perry	2			2 00

Mary W. Perry			505	7 48
George I. Potter	2	300		6 44
Alonzo S. Palmer	2			2 00
Leonard G. Perry	2		925	15 69
Arthur T. Pierce	2	500	1200	27 16
Edward C. Peck	2			2 00
Harold Pierce	2			2 00
Harry Perry	2			2 00
William H. Roberts	2			2 00
Harry W. Pardey	2	1325	4200	83 77
Mary A. Parkinson		130	1075	17 84
Nancy T. Rose			1330	19 69
Elizabeth A. Rose	2		110	1 63
Edward T. Rose	2	80	925	16 88
Charles A. Reed	2	60	1070	18 70
George A. Read	2		1300	21 24
William Ryan	2		3100	47 88
Willard J. Reed	2		1125	18 65
Estate of Eugene F. Rose			275	4 07
George W. Rose	2			2 00
William J. Roberts	2	30	665	12 30
Frederick N. Read,	2	140	1600	27 76
Joshua T. W. Read	2	245	3275	54 10
William Ripley			800	11 84
Manuel F. Rose	2	170	1250	23 02
William B. Reed	2	140		4 08
Betsey J. Reed			1000	14 80
Arthur Reed	2			2 00
Sarah Rankin			525	7 77
Manuel S. Rose	2	90	1600	27 02
John Robinson	2			2 00
John Russell	2			2 00
Bertrand E. Rose	2	65		2 96
Matthew Simmons			600	8 88
James O. Simmons	2	150	2000	33 82

Ruth M. Siddall			800	11 84
Estate of Alexander Swift			800	11 84
Mrs. Edith Standish			1285	19 03
Dennis Sullivan	2	80	900	16 51
John E. Sullivan	2			2 00
Provost Scott	2			2 00
Henry B. Seekell	2		1350	21 98
Martha S. Smith			350	5 18
William Shaw	2		850	14 58
A. J. W. Smith		25	1350	20 35
John Silvia	2			2 00
Charles G. Staples	2	180	1400	25 39
Joseph Sankey	2		1900	30 12
John P. Silvia	2		650	11 62
Albert E. Smith	2	700		12 36
George A. Staples	2			2 00
John Stanley	2		85	3 27
James Stuttared	2		1375	22 33
Moren L. Sylvia			1250	18 50
Walter V. Stead	2		1525	24 57
Charles H. Smith	2			2 00
Mary E. Smith			375	5 55
Frederick W. Smith	2			2 00
David F. Smith	2		1640	26 28
Ralph Smith			120	1 77
George W. Sanders	2			2 00
Benjamin F. Scudder	2		1500	24 20
George F. Simmons	2			2 00
Leon Francis Simmons	2		1925	30 43
James Stathon	2			2 00
Daniel J. Smith	2			2 00
John F. Sylvia	2		300	6 44
John G. Sylvia	2			2 00
Willard Starat	2			2 00
Frank Sylvia	2		560	12 29

John Vincent Sylvia			100	1 48
Joseph Spear	2			2 00
Alonzo W. Sherman	2	60		2 89
Estate of Maria Trafton			175	2 59
Estate of Fannie W. Townsend			90	1 34
Estate of Charlotte W. Talbot			1875	27 75
John H. Thornley	2			2 00
Frank E. Tinkham	2	75		3 11
Cynthia Tinkham			1030	15 25
William Wood and Josephine Thaxter			600	8 88
William T. Tweedy	2	50		2 74
John Tavis	2	125	1600	27 53
Ralph Thornley	2			2 00
Walter C. Talbot	2	400	1185	25 47
John Thwaites	2	75	7330	111 60
Samuel Tremble	2			2 00
George H. Townsend	2	80	3200	50 55
George Tweedy	2	75	1675	27 90
Jack Tower	2	250		5 70
Victor Touries	2			2 00
John H. Thougee	2			2 00
Robert Tronble	2			2 00
Antone Veria	2	720	1075	19 69
Joe Vecus	2			2 00
Antone Viriosqhi	2			2 00
Manuel Viall'er	2			2 00
Estate of Henry A. Williams Philaney O. Waterman			575	8 51
N. A. & Peleg F. Walker			4075	60 31
Nehemiah A. Walker	2	450	525	16 43
Peleg F. Walker			1050	15 64
Sarah M. Waldron			400	5 92
Timothy Waterman		30	1225	18 58
Daniel H. Waldron	2	395	2470	44 42

Mary A. Waldron			635	9 40
Otis N. Walker	2	40	1300	21 88
Charles H. Walker		125		1 85
Leroy J. Wade	2	20	1335	22 06
Daniel B. Williams	2	485	2615	47 90
George O. Williams	2	1135	1845	46 12
William H. Walker	2	180	7025	108 64
William R. Wheeler	2	400	1280	26 87
Alfred S. White	2			2 00
Ella L. Waldron			675	9 99
Nathan O. Waldron		85	550	9 41
Eliza J. Waldron			900	13 32
Daniel T. Wood			1350	21 98
Walter F. Wheeler	2	105	1075	19 47
Albert F. Wheeler	2			2 00
Clarence W. Waldron	2		655	11 70
Wid. of John Walton			375	5 55
Elijah E. Walker	2	255	2045	36 06
John A. Williams	2	245		5 64
Annie E. Williams			3880	57 43
Lewis M. White	2	1550	3400	75 26
George H. Walker	2	110	1866	31 24
James O. Walker	2		1050	17 54
Fred W. Wessel	2			2 00
D. Thurber Wood, Jr.	2	240	2625	44 41
Thomas P. Williams	2			2 00
Alvin T. Westcoat	2	25	675	12 36
William Y. Wilcox				2 00
Ida May Wilcox		30	2180	32 72
Francis Waldron	2		975	16 43
Arthur F. Whalen	2			2 00
Ernest O. Wade	2	10	825	14 36
William E. Walker	2	280	1425	27 30
Henry E. Williams	2	50	840	15 18
H. E. and A. F. Williams			1150	17 02

Ernest H. Waldron			280	4 15
Elvira N. Thacher			1800	26 64
Georgianna Leonard				
Augusta M. Waldron				
Estella L. Kingsley				
Ella L. Waldron				
Howard E. Wade	2			2 00
Louis A. Wade	2			2 00
William Watson	2			2 00
Charles A. Whyatt	2			2 00
Roza A. Whyatt		60	460	7 70
Herbert O. Whyatt	2			2 00
Leroy J. Wade, Treas. of Cong. Society			825	12 21
Charles H. Whitaker	2	120		3 77
Sylvester H. White	2			2 00
John Whitehead	2			2 00
Charles E. Westcoat	2			2 00
Manuel White	2			2 00
Joseph Wilde	2			2 00
John Walsh	2			2 00
Whelden Brothers		250		3 70
James H. Whelden	2			2 00
Frederick Whelden	2			2 00
Harold A. Walker	2			2 00
William Wiles	2			2 00
William E. Wheldon	2			2 00
Leonard I. Young, Treas. of Baptist Society			1500	22 20
	South Part.			
Clarence C. Andrews	2		840	14 44
Daniel D. Andrews	2	2550	7300	147 78
J. Willis Andrews	2	110		3 63
Earl S. Ashley			523	7 75
Frederick A. Allen	2		1450	23 46

Lewis E. Allen	2			2 00
John G. Adams	2	110	1400	24 35
James S. Arnold	2			2 00
Manuel Andrews	2		850	14 58
Estate of Hiram N. Bowen			1475	21 83
Annie Lasson			1630	24 13
Ada Briggs, exempt 500				
Lena Briggs, exempt 500				
Capt. William T. Blake		150	525	9 99
Wid. Hannah Blake			300	4 44
William B. Blake	2			2 00
Rhoda W. Blake			500	7 40
Herbert A. Briggs	2	1350	2550	59 72
Dr. H. B. Baker	2	240		5 56
Nellie C. Baker			6100	90 29
Joseph R. Brightman			1950	28 86
Milton J. Brightman			1000	14 80
Arthur T. Brightman	2			2 00
William T. Brightman	2			2 00
Estate of David H. Bosworth			1410	20 87
Manuel F. Borges	2	200	1750	30 86
Manuel S. Borges	2	30	650	12 07
James F. Briggs	2		1975	31 23
Roland G. Briggs	2	150	2350	39 00
Charles R. Briggs	2			2 00
George W. Briggs	2		1340	21 84
John P. Briggs	2	300	1750	32 34
Estate of John A. Briggs			975	14 43
A. Ellery Briggs	2	240	3130	51 89
Walter H. Blake	2		1025	17 17
Norman S. Bowen	2			2 00
John Boyle	2			2 00
Dr. Lester E. Butler	2	140		4 08
Edward Barlow	2			2 00
Allanson Battles	2			2 00

Walter R. Bartlett	2			2 00
Adolph Bucack	2			2 00
George E. Cole	2			2 00
Heirs of John B. Chace			60	89
Heirs of Noah Chace			810	11 99
Mary E. Chace			1690	25 02
Charles W. Chace	2			2 00
Lewis H. Carr	2	150	725	14 95
Hiram S. Crowell			1350	19 98
Estate of Parker H. Carr			115	1 71
Oren T. Cash	2		1025	17 17
Charles W. Cole	2		1975	31 23
Estate of Abbey Caswell			650	9 62
Anchor Color Works Corporation		13000	33700	691 16
Charles E. Carr	2	230	3365	55 22
Frank Perry Mendocia	2	80	690	13 41
Frank P. Cambia	2	170	1640	28 80
Joe Costa	2	60	500	10 29
Victor Cheaves	2	249	1300	24 93
George E. Chace	2			2 00
Manuel Curreiro Carralko	2	100	2400	39 00
Joe Cambria	2	70	1650	27 46
Antone Costa	2			2 00
Edwin F. Cobb	2	100		3 48
Clarence E. Chace	2			2 00
Manuel T. Cardosa	2			2 00
Antone Costa	2		1000	16 80
Jesse R. Cabrah	2	65	1325	22 58
Marion R. Cabrah	2	115		3 71
Frank R. Childs	2			2 00
James W. Coorlies	2			2 00
Manuel F. Dutrea	2	30	1050	17 99
Seth Dutrea	2	240	1180	23 03

Allen Davis			400	5 92
Dighton Stove Lining Co.		5075	12900	266 03
Antone Dutrea	2	60	1525	25 46
Dighton Rock Park, Old Colony St. Railway Co.		2500	19450	324 86
Antone F. Dutrea and Antone A. Perry			1250	18 50
Antone F. Dutrea	2			2 00
Antone A. Perry	2			2 00
Albert W. Emery	2	75		3 11
John W. Earle	2	1325	8395	145 86
Ralph Earl	2	550		10 14
William A. Eddy	2	40		2 60
Wanton A. Eddy	2		900	15 32
William P. Eddy	2			2 00
Leilla C. Eddy		350	3735	60 46
Estate of Manuel Enos			950	14 06
Charles C. Eastabrooks	2			2 00
Joseph D. Escular	2		650	11 62
Manuel Enos	2			2 00
Frank Enos	2			2 00
Ethel R. D. Eddy		35		52
John F. Farriel	2			2 00
Michael Francis	2			2 00
George G. Francis			350	5 18
George E. Francis 2d	2			2 00
Mary E. Francis			1475	21 83
Jacob E. Flye	2			2 00
Henry R. Fuller	2			2 00
G. M. Fassett	2			2 00
Manuel M. Frank	2		170	4 52
S. Frank Goff	2			2 00
Mary A. Goff			800	11 84
Manuel Grassie	2	140	1400	24 80
Phebe Gough			2220	32 56

William H. Gardner			450	6 66
Carl P. Gordon	2	90	950	17 40
Manuel George	2		800	13 84
Joseph Geasser	2			2 00
William J. Grant	2			2 00
Frank H. Grant	2			2 00
Frank Grassie	2			2 00
Charles F. Gagnon	2	100		3 48
G. W. Gardner	2	185	3085	49 66
John Gesrialda	2	25		2 37
Frank Gresiere	2			2 00
Amanda Garfield			900	13 32
Edmund Hathaway	2	135	3740	59 36
Howard P. Hathaway	2	30	850	15 03
Daniel H. Horton	2	120	3050	48 91
H. Frank Horton	2	255		5 78
Emma Horton			5685	84 14
John Hayes	2			2 00
Almond B. Horton	2	150		4 22
Harriet E. Horton			1500	22 20
Eugene B. Haskins	2			2 00
Eugene B. and Edward Haskins			550	8 14
Edward B. Haskins	2			2 00
Harry S. Hathaway	2			2 00
Herbert L. Horton	2	420	1500	30 42
George L. Horton	2	370		7 48
Blanche Horton			1925	28 49
Loretta Ingalls			900	13 32
Henry B. Jones			500	7 40
Henry W. Jones	2	100		3 48
Clara King			475	7 03
Estate of Nancy Lewis			650	9 62
John F. Lassun	2			2 00
Heirs of Capt. Allen Luther			1200	17 76

Edward P. Lincoln		60	700	11 25
E. P. Lewis	2			2 00
Henry A. Luther	2			2 00
William H. Lee	2			2 00
Charles B. Lee	2			2 00
William O. Lee	2	150	2875	46 77
Sophia Macker			1375	20 35
Seth T. Vicker	2			2 00
Hannah Vicker			875	12 87
Fred Millard	2	195	1525	27 45
Frank Mendosia	2	235		5 48
Joe I. Monteiro	2		600	10 88
Manuel P. V. Monterio	2	240	1400	26 28
Antone P. V. Monterio	2	80	975	17 62
Manuel S. Meduros	2		725	12 73
Joseph K. Milliken	2	100	2525	40 85
Frank C. Mello	2			2 00
Joseph P. Mell	2		2270	38 64
Manuel Mello	2			2 00
Manuel P. Frank	2		125	1 85
Frank Mendoza, Jr.	2			2 00
John A. Negus	2			2 00
Abbey J. Negus			575	851
Simeon D. Nichols	2	1180	1450	40 98
William Morris	2			2 00
Lorenzo O. Mixon	2	305	1950	27 98
Earnest O. Mixon	2			2 00
Joe G. Oliver	2			2 00
Heirs of David Perry			180	2 67
Clothier Pierce	2	195	860	17 63
George H. Phillips	2	300	1425	27 53
Edward D. Perry	2	400	1125	24 57
Lewis E. Perry	2			2 00
Edward D. Perry and Annie J. Waldron			1665	24 65

Amanda Perry			850	12 58
Amanda Perry and Annie J. Waldron			2150	31 82
Hiram O. Palmer	2	180	2300	38 71
Estate of Emily Palmer			625	9 25
Joseph S. Pitts	2	150	3250	52 32
Josiah S. Place	2	930	5660	99 54
Antone DePerry	2	85	1380	23 70
Lemuel C. Perry	2	60	650	12 51
Elisha K. Paull			1425	21 09
Manuel Pachesque	2			2 00
Antone Pereiro	2			2 00
Jesse V. Perry	2			2 00
George A. Richmond	2			2 00
Franklin Richmond	2			2 00
Estate of James Richmond			900	13 32
Joseph W. Rose	2	1605	3888	83 31
Joseph D. Roya	2	210	3150	51 73
Joseph T. Roya	2			2 00
Frank Rogers	2	60	200	5 95
Antone Rogers	2			2 00
Joseph Rogers	2			2 00
Julius D. Romero	2	1175	2550	57 11
Rev. A. J. Rich	2			2 00
Joe Rose	2			2 00
Joe Sylvia Rappell	2			2 00
Manuel Rodriques	2	130	950	17 99
John F. Rose	2			2 00
Manuel Ruher	2			2 00
George Rulalow	2			2 00
Marian Rodriques	2	60	350	8 07
Estate of O. P. Simmons			5250	77 70
Frank Perry Shute	2	130	1950	30 79
Estate of John Scott			1200	17 76
Manuel F. Sylvia	2	295	1050	21 90

Albert A. Simmons	2	40	2025	32 57
Joseph E. Sears	2	160	3475	55 80
Sarah R. Sears			15	23
Andrew B. Simmons	2		100	3 48
David S. Smith			725	10 73
Marion Souza	2			2 00
Heirs of Charles N. Simmons		302	11440	173 79
Charles G. Simmons	2			2 00
Albertus F. Simmons	2			2 00
Joseph B. Sayles	2	585	2525	48 04
Dianna Sherman			325	4 81
Frederick J. Swan	2			2 00
James N. Smith	2	700	3550	64 90
Charles H. Smith	2	3800	4230	120 85
Joe Enos Souza	2	30	200	5 41
Mary B. Souza			925	13 69
Manuel Enos Souza	2	30	900	15 77
Nathan E. Simmons	2		700	10 36
Jozeph Swasey	2		500	9 40
Arthur F. Sprague	2	50	1150	19 76
Antone Sylvia	2	90		3 34
Chester Shove	2			2 00
John Sears	2	20	600	11 18
Joe Souza	2			2 00
Joe Perry Suite	2	50	1700	27 90
Antone Sears	2			2 00
Elmer Shove	2			2 00
Antone Sylvia	2			2 00
Manuel DeWit Sylvia	2	220	200	8 22
Albertus F. Simmons, Trustee of Baptist Society			75	1 11
Frank Simmons			200	2 96
Estate of Cyrus Talbot John W. Kendall, Exec.			405	6 00
Frederick W. Talbot	2	350	425	13 47

James A. Talbot	2	110	1520	26 13
J. Chester Talbot	2	150	1175	21 61
Charles H. Talbot	2	210	3450	56 17
Estate of Charles W. Turner			4960	73 41
Andrew W. Turner	2	1150	1470	40 78
James G. Tompkins	2	445	2775	49 66
Heirs of Hannah C. Talbot			325	4 91
Joe Cabral Tores and Manuel Simmons			1100	16 28
Joe Cabral Tores	2			2 00
Manuel Simmons	2			2 00
Manuel Cabral Tores	2			2 00
Rev. John Thompson			1775	26 27
Otto Cram			500	7 40
Annia A. Tinkham			350	5 18
Estate of Edward R. Talbot			2910	43 07
Fred Tertemmale	2			2 00
Robert R. Vance	2		4950	75 26
Whitefield Vincent	2			2 00
William Z. Whitmarsh	2	100	1700	28 64
Heirs of William B. Whitmarsh			1002	14 80
Marshall Waters	2		875	14 95
Forest A. Whitmarsh	2	813	5295	92 42
Estate of Nancy Whitmarsh			3250	48 10
Susannah V. Whitmarsh			1840	29 24
Robert W. Whitmarsh	2		3500	53 80
Ferdinand Waldron	2			2 00
Annie J. Waldron			25	37
Pedo Baptist Cong. Society			3740	55 36
George A. White	2			2 00
Howard S. Wood		160	2375	37 52
Herbert A. Walker	2		100	3 48
Lizzie A. Walker			1750	25 90
Nathan H. Walker	2		350	7 18
Frederick I. Walker	2			2 00
Joe White	2			2 00

William Z. Whitmarsh, treas. Cemetery Company			110	1 63
Heirs of Mary Ware			75	1 11
Capt. Joseph H. Whelden	2	150	1325	23 83
Obed P. Watson	2			2 00
Edward A. Watson	2			2 00
Estate of William Walker		50	2250	34 07
Estate of Thomas B. Witherell			3065	45 35
William Wood	2			2 00
John Wood	2		475	9 03
Joseph Wood	2		830	14 29
Manuel White	2			2 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

Names.	Residence.	Real.	Tax.
Eagle Stove Foundry	Fall River	$1800	$26 64
Joseph Carpenter	"	500	7 40
J. L. Potter	"	1450	21 46
Horridge D. and John D. Bray	"	100	1 48
F. A. Lavella	"	1600	23 68
George W. Hart	Taunton	150	2 22
John T. Wade	"	775	11 47
John T. Wade and Elmer Wade	"	325	4 81
J. Mordicah Lincoln	"	700	10 36
Estate of William J. Walker	"	150	2 22
John E. Blake	"	20	30
Estate of William Reed 2d	"	20	30
William E. Walker	"	60	89

Horatio Godfrey	Taunton	195	2 90
Mrs. H. B. Lothrop	"	125	1 85
Hope Pierce	"	25	37
Edgar E. Westcoat	"	200	2 96
Heirs of Lyman Briggs	"	1100	16 28
Phillip E. Crane	"	110	1 63
Estate of Jacob H. Horton	"	225	3 33
John H. Wheeler	"	105	1 56
Hannah C. Haskins	"	40	60
Mechanics Co-operative Bank	"	600	8 88
Estate of George D. Elms	"	400	6 22
George E. Wilbar	"	1630	24 13
Stiles and Hart Co.	Taunton	1050	15 54
William L. Walker	"	515	7 73
Heirs of Abraham Briggs	"	1325	19 61
Heirs of Josiah T. Lincoln	"	60	89
Heirs of Gilbert W. Strange	"	50	74
J. M. and C. H. Evans	"	200	2 96
Heirs of Hiram Baker	"	60	89
George W. Hart Jr.	"	100	1 48
Heirs of Alexander H. Williams	"	695	10 29
Lucretia Ashley	"	250	3 70
Otis A. Thayer	"	140	2 08
Thomas Brown	"	200	2 96
Mrs. Herbert T. Washburn	"	50	74
Charles E. and Cora Mason	"	1750	25 90
Eliza Crowell	"	150	2 22
Herculo Millo	"	200	2 96
William D. Marvel	"	75	1 11
George A. Crane	"	200	2 96
Taunton Yacht Club	"	2850	42 18
Patrick Hennessy	"	275	4 07
Patrick Barry	Attleboro	900	13 32
Homer E. Whitmarsh	Amherst		
Roza D. Whitmarsh	"	1420	21 02

Nathaniel H. Rose	Taunton	60	89
Clifford N. Goff	"	575	8 07
Rev. James Smith, Rector of R. C. Church	"	550	8 14
Francis J. Wheeler	Rehoboth	1335	19 91
Edward F., Henry G. and Elkanah Wheeler	"	150	2 22
Edward F. Wheeler	"	620	9 18
Heirs of George E. Goff	"	150	2 22
George F. Parker	"	60	89
Estate of George H. Goff	"	1545	22 87
William B. H. Horton	"	90	1 34
Susannah S. Pierce	"	30	45
Estate of Frederick E. Francis	"	380	5 63
David W. Francis	"	1710	25 31
David W. Francis and Oliver H. Earle	"	100	1 48
Arthur C. Horton	"	25	37
David W. Francis and F. J. Wheeler	"	430	6 37
Estate of Nathaniel H. Horton	"	50	74
Arthur F. Rose	"	100	1 48
Horace R. West	"	735	10 88
Edward F. Wheeler and Frederick E. Francis	"	150	2 22
E. Emma Emerson	Pawtucket, R. I.	860	12 73
Old Colony St. Railway Co.	Boston	60	89
Heirs of Morris Quirk	Somerset	75	1 11
Heirs of John A. Burgess	"	350	5 18
Leonard P. Chace	"	500	7 40
Thomas Dean	"	30	45
Estate of Jonathan S. Buffington	"	50	74
George Babbitt	"	700	10 36
Daniel C. Babbitt	Somerset	250	3 70
Heirs of Obediah Buffington	"	145	2 15

Benjamin H. Carr	"	1100	16 29
Lewis B. Codding	Brockton	1875	27 75
Heirs of Sarah B. Simmons	"	350	5 18
Leroy J. Chace	Swansea	705	10 44
John E. Chace	"	100	1 48
Andrew J. Chace	"	420	6 22
Heirs of Abby E. Williams	"	100	1 48
Elijah P. Chace	"	1200	17 76
A. A. Case	"	25	37
Mrs. Daniel Wilbar	"	1850	27 38
Heirs of Eben Eddy	"	700	10 36
Andrew T. Peirce	"	125	1 85
Antone Perry	"	35	52
George R. Fearing	Newport, R, I.	200	2 96
William F. Wheaton	East Providence, R. I.	30	45
Henry J. Spooner	Providence, R. I.	4250	62 90
Otis H. Kelton	"	125	1 85
Thomas A. Briggs	"	150	2 22
Sophia Brown	"	3575	52 91
Heirs of Anthony Chace	Swansea	200	2 96
Heirs of Barzilla Crane	Berkley	1400	20 72
Heirs of Walter D. Nichols	"	20	30
Bowker Fertilizer Co.	Boston	325	4 81
Ethel Nickols	New York City	3000	44 40
Emily C. Frazure	" "	2550	39 74
Clothier Edminister	Freetown	100	1 48
William Clark Jr.	Providence	950	14 06
Old Colony Railroad Co.	Boston	3250	48 10
Heirs of John Gilmore	Raynham	75	1 11
Mrs. Alfred W. Reed	New Boston, N. H.	250	3 70
Estate of Sarah L. Godfrey	Fort Payne, Ill.	150	2 22
Heirs of Milton S. Reed	Seekonk	100	1 48
Mary A. Talbot	Lynn	225	3 33
Fanny B. Pratt	Boston	2300	34 04
Mrs. George R. Barney	New Bedford	1200	17 76

Charles Pierce	Dartmouth	275	407
Estate of Frederick Brown	Providence, R. I.	250	370
Frank B. Simmons	New York	300	4 44
Albert Hardy	Taunton	100	1 48
Sylvanus J. Chace	Swansea	625	9 25
William M. Chace	"	500	7 40
William Hodgdon	"	125	1 85
Estate of Stephen Eddy	"	50	74
Alden B. Gooding	Lewis Centre, Ohio	90	1 33
George R. Bullock, Attleboro and Abbie E. Slater, Rehoboth		650	9 62
Edmund H. Baker	Springfield	495	7 34
Edward F. Olney	Rehoboth	100	1 48
Heirs of Lyman Slade	Somerset	150	2 22
George D. Chace	Orono, Me.	3065	45 36
Poole Wood Lot, owner unkown		50	74
Fred Joy	Boston	150	2 22
Addie W. Moohers	New Bedford	100	1 48
James E. Macker	Barnstable	250	3 70

Electric Railway Tax.

FOR 1908.

The Old Colony Street Electric Railway Company excise tax for the road on the public highway for the year ending Sept. 30, 1908, at $2\frac{1}{4}$ per cent on gross receipts. $1291 13

Table of Aggregates.

May 1, 1908.

Valve of Personal Estate,		$206,226
Real Estate,		
Buildings,	$551,942	
Land,	285,500	
		837,442
Total Valuation,		$1,043,668
State Tax	$1,595 00	
State Highway Tax	105 25	
County Tax	1,405 07	
Town Tax	13,814 19	
Overlaying	405 23	
		$17,324 74
Deduct Corporation and Bank Tax		806 46
Tax		$16,518 28
Rate per cent on $1000		$14 80
Number of Polls		536
Number of Dwelling Houses		484
Horses		319
Cows		349
Neat Cattle other than Cows		78
Swine		19
Sheep		20
Fowls		2640
Residents on Property		499
Non-residents		112
Poll Taxes only		279
Acres of land		12,935

Amount of tax exempted to Soldiers and Sailors and Soldiers' widows of the war of the Rebellion under Act of the Legislature of 1906, Chap. 315, $389 24

GEORGE E. GOODING,
Chairman of Assessors of Dighton.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

DIGHTON, MASS.,

For the Year 1908.

TAUNTON, MASS.
GORHAM, PRINTER, - WEIR STREET.
1909.

School Committee.

		TERM EXPIRES
Ernest J. Bartlett,	Dighton,	1911
Josiah S. Place,	Dighton,	1911
Samuel N. Codding,	No. Dighton,	1910
George H. Walker,	Dighton,	1910
E. Ellsworth Lincoln,	No. Dighton,	1909
Andrew W. Turner,	Dighton,	1909

ORGANIZATION.

E. Ellsworth Lincoln, Chairman.
Andrew W. Turner, Secretary.

COMMITTEES.

Books and Supplies—Bartlett, Walker.
District Supervision—Turner, Codding, Lincoln.
Drawing and Music—Lincoln, Turner, Walker.
Fuel—Lincoln, Place.
Repairs—Codding, Place, Walker.
Teachers—Lincoln, Turner.
Text Books—Lincoln, Turner.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

John C. Davis, Dighton, Mass.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Josiah S. Place, So. Dighton.
William T. Place, No. Dighton.

School Calendar.

Winter	term,	10	weeks,	Mon.	Jan.	4, '09	to	Fri.	Mar.	12, '09
Spring	"	11	"	"	Mar.	22, "	"	"	June	4, "
Fall	"	15	"	Tues.	Sept.	7, "	"	"	Dec.	17, "
Winter	"	10	"	Mon.	Jan.	3, '10	"	"	Mar.	11, '10
Spring	"	11	"	"	Mar.	21, "	"	"	June	3, "

HOLIDAYS.

Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day, Decoration Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

MEETINGS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Regular monthly meeting of the school committee is held on the Friday preceding the first Saturday in each month.

Report of School Committee.

To the citizens of Dighton:—

It is with pleasure that the school committee present to you the annual report.

The past year we have had a change of superintendents, and a number of new teachers, but we feel assured that under their direction the standard of school work has been well maintained.

For what is being done, and what is hoped for in the future we refer you to the full report of our superintendent.

The committee respectfully requests the appropriation of $8,000.00 for 1909 to be expended about as follows:—

Teachers	$3,200 00
Books and Supplies	500 00
Repairs and Incidentals	400 00
Fuel and Janitors	800 00
High School Tuition	2,000 00
High School Transportation	300 00
Supervision	250 00
Music and Drawing	500 00
Medical Inspection	50 00
Total,	$8,000 00

It is also recommended that $200.00 be appropriated for shingling school houses and repairing the foundation to the Broad Cove school house.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

E. E. LINCOLN, Chairman.
A. W. TURNER, Secretary.

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Total balances unexpended Dec. 31, 1907	$1,367 43
Total appropriations for school purposes	7,300 00
Share in income Mass. School Fund	1,229 99
From the state for teachers' salaries	175 00
From the state for district supervision	262 50
From the state for tuition of state wards	54 50
Bristol County Dog Fund	185 37
Total receipts,	$10,574 79

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers	$4,868 80	
Janitors and fuel	931 80	
Repairs and incidentals	660 99	
Painting of school houses	155 30	
Books and supplies	541 83	
High school transportation	465 00	
High school tuition	1,556 00	
Music and drawing	448 49	
Supervision	525 00	
Medical inspection	39 75	
Total expenditures	$10,192 96	
Total balances unexpended Dec. 31, 1908,		$381 83

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee of Dighton:

In accordance with the custom of my predecessors, I am presenting at this time the annual report of the superintendent of schools. As my work covers a period of but four months my report naturally cannot deal with conditions for a full year, except in the matter of statistics. I have endeavored in this time by a careful inspection of your schools to become as familiar as possible with local conditions and needs and will endeavor in this report to call your attention to a few of what I consider the most important matters in connection with the administration of the school system.

The schools of Dighton, as a whole, compare favorably in my opinion with the schools of other towns of the same size, the money furnished by the taxpayers is being enconomically and carefully expended, the teachers are earnest and faithful and excellent opportunities are being offered the children of the town to secure both an elementary and high school education. But we must not overlook the fact that an important advancement in educational work is being made throughout the whole state and that it is our duty to see that our schools keep pace with all true progress, as far as the means at our command will allow.

ENROLLMENT.

The average membership in all the schools for the year ending in June 1906 was 309; June 1907, 314; and June 1908, 325. These figures show an increase of but sixteen in two years and one would naturally draw the conclusion that our present school facilities are ample; but the number of pupils in the outside schools is decreasing while the number in the North and South schools is rapidly increasing, noticeably in the North Primary and in all the rooms in the South school. If this tendency continues it will soon necessitate a readjustment of school forces, with possibly an addition to the South school.

ATTENDANCE AND TARDINESS.

The percentage of attendance for the year ending in June 1906 was 93.4; June 1907, 92.3; and in June 1908, 91.2. The average number of tardinesses for the same three years has been as follows: 1906, 2.7; 1907, 3.7; 1908, 3.8. Although these are not particularly low percentages, I think the local conditions are such that the decrease in percentage of attendance and increase in tardiness are not necessary. The attendance laws are adequate and we should secure better results. It will be my constant aim by a close oversight in this matter to secure more favorable results in the future.

AGE AND SCHOOLING CERTIFICATES.

During the calendar year eight certificates have been given to children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen who have completed not less than the work of the third grade. As some parents do not seem to know what is required to secure a certificate, perhaps it would be well to here state that the law does not allow certificates to be granted except under the following conditions:

(1) The child must have reached his fourteenth birthday and be able to read and write sufficiently to take up the work of the fourth grade.

(2) An employment ticket must be presented properly filled out by the person or firm intending to employ the child. Blanks will be furnished by the superintendent of schools.

(3) A certificate showing the child to be fourteen must be secured from the records of the city or town in which he was born, or from the records of the church in which he was baptized.

(4) The child and the parent or guardian both must appear before the one granting the certificate, the child to be examined and measured and the parent or guardian to take oath to the facts stated in the certificate.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Besides the ordinary repairs that are made of necessity on all school buildings each year, during the past year the Brick, Broad Cove, Fish, Flat Rock, Segreganset and Williams school houses have been overhauled, painted and repaired; the improved appearance of these buildings is a source of gratification to us all. As we all know, when work of this kind is undertaken, there are many repairs that must be done which could not possibly have been foreseen. The repair account has consequently been slightly overdrawn but it was the part of true economy to make these repairs this year rather than wait until some time in the future when the expense would be materially greater. New blackboards have been put into the Broad Cove, Flat Rock and Williams schools. They were much needed and will give an opportunity for better school work.

In my opinion the greatest need in all the buildings at the present time is that of new seats for the school children. When we compel the attendance of children at school for five and one-half hours each day, it is our duty to make the conditions under which they do their school work as favorable as possible. Many of the cases of round shoulders, crooked spines and defective eyesight are undoubtedly due to unsuitable seats and desks. It is unfortunate that Dighton has not one modern desk in any of its schoolhouses or one capable of any adjustment whatever. We are behind the other towns in this respect and I do not see how this matter can longer be delayed. Every schoolhouse in town should be reseated. If it cannot be done at one time, at least a part can be done each year; but I doubt if there is a parent in town who would consent to have the school where his own child attends the last one on the list to be reseated. Investigations have clearly shown that there is a close relation between certain physical deformities and wrong habits of sitting occasioned by seats of an improper nature. The attention of your Committee and the citizens of the town is respectfully called to this important matter.

HEALTH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Since the last report the law limiting the amount paid for medical inspection to the amount specially appointed for this purpose in town meeting has been repealed. The law still requires medical inspection but allows the committee to fix the amount to be paid for the same from the regular school funds.

The agreement entered into between the committee and Dr. Joseph B. Sayles, medical inspector, provides for a yearly inspection in accordance with the statute, a brief inspection of the school children and buildings once each term, and an

inspection of any cases specially referred to him. By this arrangement we have been enabled to have many special cases investigated without extra expense to the town and I think the arrangement is well worth continuing.

The following cases have been reported by the medical inspector.

*Ring Worm, 3.
*Uncleanliness, 5.
*Head Lice, 28.
*Feeble Minded, 1.
Weak Heart, 4.
Adenoids, 36.
Anaemia, 7.
Chronic Enlarged Tonsils, 8.
Scrofula and Enlarged Glands, 3.
Scrofula, 3.
Spinal Curvature, 1.
Paralysis Vocal Cords, 1.
Weak Lungs, 1.
Suppurating Ear, 1.
Skin Disease, 1.

In all cases a notice has been sent to the parent or guardian recommending medical attention and those marked with a star have been excluded from school in accordance with law until the condition was remedied.

The medical inspector recommends that the school houses be thoroughly cleaned and fumigated once during the winter months when contagious diseases are most prevalent.

We have been annoyed by a large number of cases of Pediculosis or Head Lice. These have been promptly excluded until the heads were clean. I am glad to say that most parents seem very glad to co-operate with the teachers in this matter, and we have met with determined resistance in but

one case. It is not just to compel pupils to attend school where head lice are common and expose them to contagion of this sort. I would recommend a strict enforcement of the law in regard to this matrer.

I wish to especially recommend individual drinking cups and a closed tank instead of the open water pail. The day of the common dipper should be past. It is a menace to health. We have a very few covered pails already and children are permitted to bring their own cups. I think we should go farther than this by furnishing individual cups and closed tanks with faucets, and require the tanks to be frequently cleaned with boiling water.

The medical examination of the children is a matter of great importance to parents. It calls their attention to weaknesses and diseases in their early stages while there is a chance for recovery. The greatest good cannot result, however, without the most hearty co-operation between parents and schools in this matter; for it is in the home that disease and weakness must be conquered.

The following statement as to the "Character and Degree of Medical Inspection" is printed at the suggestion of the State Board of Education.

"From what has been said it will be clear that the fundamental principle of section 13 of the new act is the medical examination and supervision not only of children known, or suspected, to be weakly or ailing, but of all children in the elementary schools, with a view to adapting and modifying the system of education to the needs and capacities of the child, securing the early detection of unsuspected defects, checking incipient maladies at their onset, and furnishing the facts which will guide education authorities in relation to physical and mental development during school life. It is evident that—although this work involves (*a*) medical inspection of school children at regular intervals, (*b*) the oversight of the sanitation of the school buildings, and (*c*) the prevention,

as far as may be, of the spread of infectious and contagious diseases, including skin diseases—action in these three directions will be incomplete unless (*d*) the personal and home life of the child are also brought under systematic supervision. The home is the point at which health must be controlled ultimately.

The character and degree of medical inspection will depend on the standpoint from which the subject is viewed, the difficulty being of course to attain a due sense of proportion and uniformity, particularly as to fundamental points. Valuable to science though the findings of a more thorough and elaborate medical examination might be, it is the broad, simple necessities of a healthy life which must be kept in view. It cannot be doubted that a large proportion of the common diseases and physical unfitness in this country can be substantially diminished by effective public health administration, combined with the teaching of hygiene, and a realization by teachers, parents and children of its vital importance. The spread of communicable disease must be checked; children's heads and bodies must be kept clean; the commoner and more obvious physical defects, at least, must be relieved, remedied or prevented; schoolrooms must be maintained in cleanly condition, and they must be properly lighted, well ventilated, and not overcrowded; the training of the mental faculties must not be divorced from physical culture and personal hygiene. It is these primary requirements which must first receive attention."

The following is the record of the sight and hearing tests conducted by the teachers in accordance with the statute. The notices sent to parents have resulted in several children being taken to specialists for treatment while without the tests the cases might not have been discovered for some time. It also enables the teacher to seat her children and plan the blackboard work with due regard to these defects, thereby increasing the opportunity of the child, though handicapped, to keep up with those of his grade.

TESTS OF SIGHT AND HEARING.

	North Grammar	North Intermediate	North Primary	South Grammar	South Intermediate	South Primary	Brick	Broad Cove	Flat Rock	Fish	Segreganset	Williams	Total	Total last Year
Number tested	22	22	40	38	39	41	14	31	16	14	17	21	315	301
Defective eyesight	4	4	10	7	8	9	10	14	2	3	6	4	81	83
Defective hearing	2	1	5	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	0	11	26	38
Parents notified	3	1	8	5	6	2	1	7	0	2	3	6	44	45

DRAWING AND MUSIC.

The work in these departments has been satisfactorily carried on under the able direction of Miss Taylor and Miss Cook. Those who visit the schools cannot help noticing the interest and enthusiasm shown by the pupils in this work. Besides the direct knowledge gained it inspires better work in all lines. For a detailed account I would refer you to the special reports by the supervisors of these subjects.

TEACHERS.

During the calendar year just closed there have been twelve changes in the teaching force, this averages one change for each school in own. I think any casual observer will agree with me when I say that these frequent changes in the teaching force are not for the best interests of our schools. When we ask how this condition may be remedied, we are immediately brought to the subject of salaries. About a month ago one of our teachers who was receiving nine dollars per week was offered forty-five dollars per month by a town whose population is but 912 and valuation $639,927. The present tendency of having fewer schools with better equipment and higher salaried teachers enables some of the smaller towns easily to exceed the salaries paid in our rural schools.

Eight states have recently passed laws relating to the minimum salaries of public school teachers and it has been suggested, at least, that Massachusetts make the minimum salary by law ten dollars. It might be well for this town to take this step at once and establish a minimum rate of ten dollars per week and require the teacher to be a normal graduate or its equivalent. The salary of the teacher is not commensurate with that of other occupations. The increased living expenses and the increased demands upon the teacher neccesitate increased salaries. The natural law of supply and demand is making it harder each year to secure good teachers at the salaries paid. If we are to advance the standard of teaching, salaries must advance; for upon the teacher more than any other person in the school system depends the character of the school. I believe that the teachers are doing their work faithfully and intelligently and that the character of the work is improving. We must not forget, however, that the teacher has claims on the community as well as the community on the teacher. Parents should visit school, become familiar with what is being done in the school room, and take an active interest in all that pertains to the school life of their children. The attitude of parents toward the school is always reflected in the schoolroom. Only by the heartiest co-operation between parents and schools can the best results be obtained.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The number of pupils attending high school in 1906 was 24; 1907, 31; and 1908, 36. The actual cost to the town for the past year was $2021. The number of pupils next year will probably be about the same but the city of Taunton has advanced the price of tuition ten dollars per pupil so that the cost next year will probably exceed the cost for the present year. I am in receipt of a notice from the State

Board of Education to the effect that it is not reasonable to expect towns to pay the tuition of pupils who are wasting their time in high school. After investigating the standing of pupils from this town, I am happy to say that the reports of their work are in most cases favorable.

The time will probably come when it will be a matter of economy to maintain a good high school for, at least, a part of the course; but under existing conditions I do not see how it can be done at present.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

One serious problem we are facing is the overcrowded condition in the North Primary and all the rooms in the South school. If present conditions and tendencies continue, it will soon be necessary to build an addition to the South building, making another room. This would give each teacher about two instead of three grades and greatly increase the efficiency of the work that could be done. As a great many of the pupils at the Flat Rock school live practically the same distance from the South school as from their own school, it may be possible to combine these schools after an addition is built and thus save the expense of running an additional school. This means transportation for some of the Flat Rock pupils, and I realize that parents complain under this plan and justly complain unless special care is taken to see that they are carried by a competent person with proper conveyance, well protected from the weather. Would not a thoughtful parent, however, consider it a greater advantage to live two miles from such a graded school as the South school could be made under this plan than to live one half mile from an ungraded rural school? This question will have to be solved by your Committee in the near future.

SHORTER SESSIONS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that in some places the children of the first and second grades are allowed to attend school but one-half day instead of the whole school day. It is the universal opinion of school authorities and parents in these cities and towns that the education of these children has not suffered thereby; and that they are just as well prepared to take up the work of the third grade. Some of the arguments in favor of this plan are that it allows more time for free spontaneous play in the open air and sunshine, and that it saves much time spent in supervising restless children, when the proper place for them is at home and at play in the sand pile. It enables the teacher to do much better work with them while they are in school and gives her the extra time in the afternoon that is so much needed for the older pupils. I think this plan is worthy serious consideration. The chief objection to it seems to come from those parents who desire their children taken care of for the greatest possible number of hours each day. The physical development of the child at this period of life is especially important, and the school room and its environment for five and one-half hours each day is not a good place for this development for the average child of five and six years of age.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

Teachers' meetings have been held once each term during the past year and different subjects of school administration studied and discussed.

A district meeting was held in Berkley in February. A copy of the program will be found in this report.

Plans are underway for a district meeting in Dighton in February this year. An interesting program is being prepared and it is hoped that the parents will attend in large numbers.

CONCLUSION.

The general tone of our schools is excellent and it is a matter for congratulation that the local sentiment is so favorable towards having good schools and that the citizens of Dighton are desirous of having whatever is for the best interests of the educational system as a whole. With this sentiment behind us we should be able to push forward to things more advanced and step by step improve the character and scope of our schools.

In closing I wish to express my gratitude for the many kindnesses and courtesies of your Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. DAVIS.

Report of the Supervisor of Drawing.

Mr. J. C. Davis, Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

The work in drawing is progressing well, some of the schools showing marked improvement over last year. The results are always better where the subject is put on the same basis as other studies, and a drawing is not accepted until it is done as well as it is possible for the child to do it. Some of the teachers are beginning to realize this.

There has been little change in the general plan of work during the past year. Less time has been given to manual work as it does not seem best to give up the drawing for so long a time as was done last year. The industrial work is very important and should have its full share of time, the drawing time, however, cannot be cut short and still obtain the desired results. Therefore, this year, only one article was made in each grade as an application of the work in constructive drawing and design. These involved work in cardboard, paper and brass. The lower grades made calendars and match-strikers; the middle grades, boxes and calendars made of card or brass on which the design was stamped with a nail and hammer; the upper grades made writing folios of card board covered with paper and book-binder's linen, and blotter pads of card board and paper with brass corners. These objects when completed are useful and of real value and involve considerable thought in the designing and planning, accurate measuring and drawing, and careful workmanship.

Last year much more was done in this line, over two months being given to it, and then a sale was held with a

simple entertainment given by the children. The hall was crowded and about sixty dollars was raised which the school board kindly allowed us to use to buy pictures to further decorate the walls of the school rooms. Now it would be hard to find a town of this size where the schools have more or better pictures, every room having upon its walls several good reproductions of paintings famous in the world of art. This must exert a good influence over the lives of the children who spend so many hours in the school room.

The nature drawing is carried on as before, either pencil, crayon or paint being used, whichever is most suitable for the specimen to be represented. In the spring the plant forms were used as suggestions for the designs for sofa pillows, tiles, doilies, table mats and scarfs. These were stencilled onto the linen or other suitable material by those who wished to do so.

This year studies in landscape composition were made very successfully in one room, certain elements being suggested by the teacher and these combined by the children according to the principles of unity, balance and rhythm.

Some teachers have shown considerable skill in correlating the drawing with language, geography and other subjects, and villages have been made on the sand table representing the Indians and Eskimos while studying about them.

The teachers have worked well, are interested and enthusiastic, the school board has been very generous in supplying materials, and thanks are due the superintendents for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. COOK.

Middleboro, Mass., Jan. 7, 1909.

Report of Supervisor of Music.

Mr. John C. Davis, Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my second annual report on music in the public schools. The music in all the schools is progressing along the lines previously indicated.

Of course there is a difference in results in the several schools. The attempt is made, however, to have the general results better each year so that the work may be taken up with a higher aim at the beginning of each school year.

The improvement has been marked since the beginning of the year especially in the outlying schools.

During the past year the public have been able to judge the work for themselves. In the winter term opportunity was given at the several school rooms at North and South Dighton and again, in June, at the graduation exercises of the grammar schools.

I need hardly say that the interest of parents and friends is sure to make itself felt. Visitors will be cordially welcomed by the teachers and work in any department of the music will be gladly shown.

My thanks are due to the teachers for their faithfulness in carrying out instructions and the Superintendent and School Committee for their interest and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGIANA E. TAYLOR.

Dover, Mass., January 7, 1909.

Report of Truant Officer.

To the School Committee of the Town of Dighton:—

I have received 15 complaints from superintendent and teachers during the past year.

6 cases at the North Grammar School.
4 " " " " Intermediate.
4 " " " " Primary.
1 " " " Williams School.

I have looked up each case and find parents in most cases ready to comply with the law in regard to truants.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. PLACE, Truant Officer.

North Dighton, January 1, 1909.

TABLE A.

Attendance Statistics, 1907-1908.

SCHOOLS.	ENROLMENT.			Enrolment under 5 yrs.	Enrolment 5 to 15 yrs.	Enrolment over 15 yrs.	Enrolment 7 to 14 yrs.	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Half days Absence	Number of Tardinesses	Av. No. of Tardinesses	Number of Dismissals	Number of Visitors	Number of Supt's visits
	Boys	Girls	Total														
North Grammar,	13	8	21	0	21	0	21	28	23.2	22.5	94.9	496	157	6.77	96	23	21
North Intermediate,	16	9	25	0	25	0	25	28	23.5	22.1	93.2	493	102	4.34	40	4	21
North Primary,	28	25	53	1	52	0	24	54	40.9	37.1	90.6	1365	60	1.47	95	37	23
South Grammar,	22	16	38	0	35	3	36	41	36.1	33.8	92	1399	64	1.77	32	17	21
South Intermediate,	24	18	42	0	42	0	42	42	40.3	37.1	91.9	1347	63	1.56	50	19	18
South Primary,	26	24	50	0	50	0	35	51	43.9	37.9	88.4	1449	79	1.80	30	10	20
Brick,	10	7	17	1	16	0	10	19	16.2	15.1	92.5	345	77	4.75	9	65	17
Broad Cove,	24	14	38	0	38	0	32	43	32	28.1	87.9	1270	229	7.16	7	8	13
Fish,	15	4	19	0	18	1	11	19	14.9	14.1	95	258	12	.81	3	11	14
Flat Rock,	6	11	17	0	17	0	13	17	16.7	14.7	90.1	496	113	6.77	27	18	21
Segreganset,	9	5	14	0	13	1	10	18	16.4	16	98	123	31	1.89	13	40	16
Williams,	16	7	23	0	23	0	22	23	21.2	18.6	88	1246	261	12.31	26	12	17
Total,	209	148	357	2	350	5	281	383	325.3	297.1	91.2	10287	1248	3.84	428	264	222

TABLE B.

Rank of Schools in Attendance and Punctuality.

1907–1908.

ATTENDANCE.			PUNCTUALITY.		
Rank.	School.	Per cent.	Rank.	School.	Average Tardiness.
1	Segreganset,	98	1	Fish,	.81
2	Fish,	95	2	North Primary,	1.47
3	North Grammar,	94.9	3	South Intermediate,	1.56
4	North Intermediate,	93.2	4	South Grammar,	1.77
5	Brick,	92.5	5	South Primary,	1.80
6	South Grammar,	92	6	Segreganset.	1.89
7	South Intermediate,	91.9	7	North Intermediate,	4.34
8	North Primary,	90.6	8	Brick,	4.75
9	Flat Rock,	90.1	9	Flat Rock.	6.77
10	South Primary,	88.4	10	North Grammar,	6.77
11	Williams,	88	11	Broad Cove,	7.16
12	Broad Cove,	87.9	12	Williams,	12.31

TABLE C.

Changes of Teachers.

RESIGNATION.	SCHOOL.	APPOINTMENT.
Agnes G. Emerson,	South Grammar,	Myra H. Dean.
Myra H. Dean,	South Intermediate,	Catherine T. Liberty.
Ella M. Holbrook,	South Primary,	Mabel W. Emery.
Lillian F. Goff,	Brick,	Mildred E. Macomber.
Mildred E. Macomber,	Brick,	Mary E. White.
Laura M. Howland,	Broad Cove,	Annie Sandison.
Annie Sandison,	Broad Cove,	Lena B. Albrecht.
Mary H. Jones,	Flat Rock,	Mary W. Matheson.
Mabel W. Emery,	Segreganset,	Mildred E. Macomber.
Mary C. Sullivan,	Williams,	Ethel D. McTiernan.
Ethel D. McTiernan,	Williams,	Alice D. Ellis.
Alice D. Ellis,	Williams,	Annie Sandison.

TABLE D.

TEACHERS, 1907-1908.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	WHERE EDUCATED.	ELECTED.	WKS. OF SERVICE	WAGES PER WEEK.
North Grammar	Lida M. Mann,	Gorham, Me., Normal Scho'l	1906	37	$14.00
North Intermediate	Lillian P. Case	Hyannis Normal School	1907	37	11.00
North Primary	Lucy M. Paull	Wellesley College	1900	37	12.00
South Grammar	Agnes G. Emerson	Kent's Hill Seminary	1906	37	13.00
South Intermediate	Myra H. Dean	Taunton High School	1907	37	11.00
South Primary	Ella M. Holbrook	Hyannis Normal School	1907	37	11.00
Brick	Lillian F. Goff	Taunton High School	1907	29	8.00
"	Mildred E. Macomber	" " "	1908	8	8.00
Broad Cove	Laura M. Howland	" " "	1907	37	10.00
Fish	A. Gertrude Daley	B. M. C. Durfee High School	1907	37	8.50
Flat Rock	Helen L. Wood	Taunton High School	1907	4	8.00
" "	Mary H. Jones	" " "	1907	32	8.00
Segreganset	Mabel W. Emery	" " "	1905	37	10.00
Williams	Mary C. Sullivan	Orleans High School	1907	31	8.50
"	Esther D. McTiernan	Woodward Institute	1908	6	8.50
Music	Georgiana E. Taylor	American Institute	1907	37	5.55
Drawing	Mary L. Cook	Mass. Normal Art School	1907	37	6.25

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS.

1908-1909.

TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL.

CLASS OF 1909.

Wesley Chase
Esther Emma Goff
Mabel Wood Lane
Edward Ellsworth Lincoln
Mary Morton Lincoln
Joseph Winslow Place
Marion Alberta Simmons
Delight Reed Standish
Hope Perry Waldron
Melancy Covel White

CLASS OF 1910.

Marshall Eton Briggs
Doris Wright Turner
Cora Emily Sprague

CLASS OF 1911.

Helen Baker Cole
May Loretta Hamilton
Eleanor Asenath Horton
Lillian Lucinda Seekell
Edward Ferdinand Waldron
Mamie Reed Negus
Bernice Haley Pierce
Gertrude Irene Saunders
Roy F. Walker
Arthur Gideon Whalon

CLASS OF 1912.

Charles Grafton Atwood
Leland Franklin Bullard
Elmer Hathaway Chadwick
Marion Russell Fuller
Lester Chapman Lee
Sarah Tompkins Place
Alice Lydia Simmons
Agnes May White

FALL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL.

Myron Reuben Chase	Class of 1909.
Nellie Edna Adams	Class of 1910.
Mary Hathaway Chase	Class of 1911.
Jennie May Adams	Class of 1912.
Evelyn Edmona Hathaway	Class of 1912.

Financial

Report of the School Committee.

For the Year 1908.

SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT.

State Appropriation	$1,229 99	
Transferred to Book and Supply Account		$300 00
Teachers' Account		929 99
		$1,229 99

TEACHERS.

Balance from 1907	$687 34
Appropriation	3,000 00
From State School Fund	929 99
Supervision Fund	175 00
Tuition of State Wards	54 50
Dog Fund	185 37

1908.		
Jan. 17.	Agnes G. Emerson, 3 weeks	$ 39 00
31.	Pay Roll, 5 weeks	593 60
Feb. 15.	" " 2 "	257 00
29.	" " 2 "	259 00
Mar. 13.	" " 2 "	258 00

Apr.	3.	Tuition of Goff children in Rehoboth		33 00
	3.	Pay Roll, 2 weeks		260 00
	17.	" " 2 "		248 00
May	2.	" " 2 "		250 00
	15.	" " 2 "		245 50
	29.	" " 2 "		268 50
June	12.	" " 2 "		260 00
Sept.	18.	" " 2 "		255 00
Oct.	2.	" " 2 "		245 20
	16.	" " 2 "		254 00
	30.	" " 2 "		254 00
Nov.	13.	" " 2 "		254 00
	27.	" " 2 "		254 00
Dec.	18.	" " 3 "		381 00
			$5,032 20	$4,868 80
Dec. 31, Balance unexpended				$163 40

JANITORS AND FUEL.

Balance from 1907			$86 80	
Appropriation			800 00	
Jan.	31.	L. Frazier and H. Leonard		$ 35 00
	31.	H. L. Horton, sawing and housing wood		4 40
	31.	J. T. W. Reed, 2 1-2 cords kindling		13 75
Feb.	4.	A. W. Turner, 4 " " wood at $5		22 50
Mar.	13.	Pay Roll of Janitors		81 60
	13.	T. L. & J. H. Church, coal		15 00
Apr.	3.	Jos. Enos Rose, kindling		1 50
	3.	Leonard and Frazier, janitors, 2 weeks		14 00
	3.	Lennie Pierce, sawing and splitting wood		1 25
	3.	J. T. W. Reed, wood and shavings		5 25
	17.	Leonard and Frazier, janitors, 2 weeks		14 00
May	2.	" " " " 2 "		14 00

	15.	Louis P. Frazier, " 2 "		6 00
	29.	" " " 2 "		6 00
	29.	T. L. & J. H. Church, 1 ton of coal		7 50
June	4.	H. W. Leonard, 4 weeks as janitor		16 00
	12.	June Pay Roll of Janitors		58 70
July	2.	Ralph Earle, wood and sawing wood		3 75
	2.	Staples Coal Co., 61,800 lbs. W. Ash		164 16
	2.	" " " 61,320 " " "		160 14
Sept.	4.	J. S. Place carting coal		10 50
	4.	Martin Maher " "		10 50
	18.	Louis P. Frazier, janitor 2 weeks		6 00
	18.	Henry W. Leonard, " 2 "		8 00
Oct.	2.	Louis P. Frazier, janitor 2 "		6 00
	2.	Henry W. Leonard " 2 "		8 00
	2.	Charles H. Horton, wood		102 80
	16.	Henry W. Leonard, janitor 2 weeks		8 00
Nov.	2.	Louis P. Frazier, 1 week		3 00
	2.	Jos. W. Place, 3 "		9 00
	6.	S. D. Jones,		1 50
	13.	Jos. W. Place, 2 weeks		7 00
	13.	Henry W. Leonard 2 weeks		8 00
	27.	Jos. W. Place, 2 "		7 00
	27.	Henry W. Leonard 2 "		8 00
Dec.	4.	Chas. H. Smith, wood		7 50
	18.	Jos. W. Place, 3 weeks		10 50
	18.	Henry W. Leonard, 3 weeks		12 00
	18.	Edith Babbitt, 15 "		9 00
	18.	Geo. W. Rose, 15 "		9 00
	18.	Raymond Horton, 15 "		9 00
	18.	Manuel Mellor, 15 "		9 00
	18.	Harry Chase, 15 "		9 00
	18.	Palmer Marble, 15 "		9 00
			$886 80	$931 80
Dec.	31.	Overdrawn	$45 00	

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Balance from 1907		$78 10
Appropriation		200 00
Transferred from School Fund Acct.		300 00
1908.		
Jan. 31.	Ginn & Co., arithmetics	23 33
31.	Thompson, Brown & Co., books	1 25
31.	Ginn & Co., "Pencil and Pen" 16	4 67
31.	R. S. Reed & Co., floor brush	2 33
31.	D. D. Andrews, 2 flags	8 25
31.	Milton Bradley Co., raffia	70
31.	Edward E. Babb, supplies and books	23 80
31.	Edward E. Babb, " " "	33 55
31.	Estabrook Steel Pen Co., pens	12 60
31.	Bay State Paper Co., cardboard	3 20
31.	Kenney Bros., and Wolkins, oaktag	2 70
31.	Chandler & Barber, leather	4 73
31.	White, Son Company, leather	2 18
Apr. 3.	E. E. Babb, supplies	28 04
3.	Oliver Ditson	1 83
3.	Kenney Bros., & Wolkins	2 00
May 2.	Edward E. Babb, water colors	1 27
July 2.	J. L. Hammett, diplomas and lettering	10 00
2.	Davol Printing Co., programs	2 25
Aug. 29.	Rand, McNally & Co.,	14 40
Sept. 4.	Presbrey-Field Co.	9 18
4.	Malden Book Bindery	7 60
4.	Charles H. Washburn	3 34
4.	F. R. Washburn	2 25
4.	E. D. Tisdale & Son	7 00
4.	Kenney Bros., & Wolkins	97 33
4.	John C. Davis, freight and express	3 45
4.	Edward E. Babb Co.	1 56
Oct. 2.	Rand, McNally & Co., Mace's Histories	32 00
2.	E. E. Babb & Co.	53 43

	2.	John C. Davis, express		1 00
	2.	C. T. Bagnall, printing		3 17
Dec.	4.	Milton Bradley Co.		5 00
	4.	Kenney Bros., & Wolkins		51 52
	4.	Rand, McNally & Co.		2 00
	4.	H. A. Briggs, del. supplies		5 50
	4.	Chas. F. Brownell, sharpeners		7 00
	4.	Ginn & Co., books, etc.		66 42
			$578 10	$541 83
Dec.	31.	Balance unexpended		$36 27

REPAIRS AND INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	$600 00
Overdrawn in 1907	79 27

Jan.	31.	Lilla C. Lee, cleaning schoolhouse	2 40
	31.	Kenney Bros., & Wolkins, blackboards	17 99
	31.	Frank P. Cadoza, teaming	5 10
	31.	Presbrey-Field Co.	3 04
	31.	E. D. Tisdale, clock	3 50
	31.	Geo. H. Walker, labor and supplies	14 77
	31.	Ella M. Holbrook, expense for curtains	3 00
Apr.	3.	Geo. H. Walker, supplies, material and labor	4 17
	3.	Mrs. Wm. H. Lee, cleaning schoolhouses	2 85
	3.	Carl P. Gordon, reaving halyards	1 50
	3.	Roland G. Briggs, labor and supplies	13 19
May	4.	Presbrey-Field Co., hardware	11 85
	4.	R. S. Reed Co., curtains	25 00
	29.	C. D. Babbitt, repairing pump	4 50
	29.	Julia E. Dean, use of well 1907	3 00
July	2.	T. C. Baker, stove supplies	1 30
	2.	M. F. Campbell, hoes and rakes	4 00
	2.	Edwin S. Cobb, freight, etc.	32 66

	2.	H. W. Leonard, use of well		3 00
	2.	Walter E. Chase, use of well		3 00
Sept.	4.	Kenney Bros., & Wolkins, blackboards		24 75
	4.	L. Frazier, labor		3 00
	4.	Jesse P. Codding, labor		4 38
	4.	No. Dighton Cooperative Stove Co.		7 75
	4.	Howard P. Hathaway		217 60
	4.	Frank L. Allen Lumber Co.		26 76
	4.	Presbrey-Field Co., zincs		10 42
	4.	Ida F. Hathaway, labor		10 50
	4.	Thomas Kiernan, labor		2 25
	4.	Geo. H. Walker, repair work		14 45
	4.	Mrs. A. M. Davis, cleaning		6 50
	4.	J. S. Place, Frt. cleaning, etc.		9 75
Oct.	2.	Frank L. Allen Lumber Co.		30 27
	2.	Mrs. Wm. C. Horton, cleaning		5 00
	2.	A. F. Whalon, labor		1 75
	2.	No. Dighton Coop. Stove Co., pipe		1 25
	2.	John P. Briggs, bolts		10 41
	2.	J. A. Hayes, cleaning well		3 00
	2.	Howard P. Hathaway, labor, etc.		46 09
	2.	H. C. Briggs, taking census		15 00
Nov.	6.	J. W. Place		65
Dec.	1.	Arthur A. Hathaway		5 38
	1.	Presbrey-Field Co.		5 77
	1.	Howard P. Hathaway		5 00
	4.	Rent Memorial Hall, June 12, 1908		4 00
	4.	Roland G. Briggs, setting glass		2 87
	4.	B. F. White, repairs furnace		21 62
	4.	H. A. Briggs, mowing sch. yd.		2 00
	4.	B. L. Dean, use of well		3 00
			$520 73	$660 99
Dec. 31.		Overdrawn	$140 26	

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Balance from 1907		$ 293 49	
Appropriation		1,200 00	
May 1.	Fall River H. S., Nov. 15—Feb. 10		$ 60 00
May 1.	Taunton H. S., Sept. '07 to June '08		1,331 00
July 2.	Fall River H. S., Feb. 9 to Apr. 27		45 00
Sept 4.	" " " " May to July 15		45 00
Dec. 31.	" " " " 5 pupils 1-4 year		75 00
		$1,493 49	$1,556 00
Dec. 31.	Overdrawn	$62 51	

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

Balance from 1907		$199 50	
Appropriation		500 00	
Mar. 31.	George E. Cole, Oct. to Feb. at $2, 5 mo.		$ 10 00
31.	Clothier Pierce, " " " " " "		10 00
31.	George M. Chase, " " " " " "		10 00
31.	Old Colony St. R. R. Co., tickets		125 00
Apr. 3.	Edith Standish for R. R. tickets for 4 mos. for John and Delight		16 00
3.	Old Colony St. R. R. Co., tickets		62 50
July 2.	Geo. M. Chase, tickets Mar. 14 to Apr. 14		2 00
2.	Geo. E. Cole, " Mar. 1, to June 1		6 00
13.	D. F. Lane, carfare of Mabel L. 6 mos.		12 00
Sept. 4.	Clothier Pierce, Apr., May, June		6 00
4.	A. L. Briggs, 8 mos. to June '08		16 00
Oct. 2.	Old Colony St. R. R., 25 tickets		62 50
Nov. 6.	" " " " " 25 "		62 50
Dec. 4.	Abbie J. Atwood, R. R. fare 1 mo.		2 00
31.	Old Colony St. R. R. Co.		62 50
		$699 50	$465 00
Dec. 31.	Balance unexpended		$234 50

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

Appropriation		$500 00	
Overdrawn in 1907		18 28	
Jan. 31.	Miss Taylor		27 75
31.	Miss Cook		31 25
May 13.	" "		37 50
13.	Miss Taylor		33 30
Apr. 17.	Miss Cook, 4 weeks		25 00
May 15.	" " " "		25 00
15.	Miss Taylor, 6 "		33 30
June 12.	Miss Cook, 4 weeks		25 00
12.	Miss Taylor, 6 weeks		33 30
Oct. 16.	" " 4 "		22 20
16.	Miss Cook, 4 "		25 00
Nov. 13.	" " 4 "		25 00
13.	Miss Taylor, 4 "		22 20
Dec. 18.	Miss Cook, 5 "		31 25
18.	Miss Taylor, 5 "		27 75
31.	Bay State Paper Co.		1 80
31.	J. L. Hammett		3 84
31.	Milton Bradley Co.		45
31.	Ginn & Co., music books		17 60
		$481 72	$448 49
Dec. 31.	Balance		$ 33 23

DISTRICT SUPERVISION.

Balance from 1907		$ 98 56	
Appropriaton		250 00	
From the State		262 50	
Feb. 1.	E. S. Cobb, salary for Jan.		43 75
24.	" " " " Feb.		43 75
Apr. 3.	" " " " Mar.		43 75

May	1.	"	"	"	"	Apr.	43 75
	29.	"	"	"	"	May	43 75
July	2.	"	"	"	"	June	43 75
Sept.	4.	"	"	"	"	July and Aug.	87 50
Oct.	25.	J. C. Davis.		"	"	Sept.	43 75
Nov.	18.	"	"	"	"	Oct.	43 75
Dec.	28.	"	"	"	"	Nov.	43 75
	31.	"	"	"	"	Dec.	43 75
						$611 06	$525 00
Dec.	31.	Balance unexpended					$86 06

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Balance from 1907	$16 67	
Appropriation	50 00	
Dec. 4. Dr. Jos. B. Sayles for services one year as per contract		39 75
	$66 67	$39 75
Dec. 31. Balance unexpended		$26 92

PAINTING OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Balance from 1907	$ 4 52	
Appropriation	200 00	
Sept. 4. Arthur A. Hathaway		$150 00
Dec. 31. Geo. H. Walker		5 30
	$204 52	$155 30
Dec. 31. Balance unexpended		$49 22

STATISTICS.

1908.

Population, 1905	2,070
Valuation	$1,043,668
Tax rate per $1000	14 80
Total amount raised by taxation for school purposes	7,300 00
Total cost to town per pupil, based upon average membership	15 05
Total expenditure per pupil	25 12
Total expenditure per pupil in Bristol County 1906-07	26 67
Total expenditure per pupil in state 1906-07	30 53
Expenditure per pupil for books and supplies	1 67
Average wage of female teachers per week	10 44
Average wage of female teachers per week, Bristol County	13 25
Average wage of female teachers per week, State	14 66
Number of schools in town	12
Length of school year in weeks	37
Average length of school year in Bristol County 1906-07	9.10
Average length of school year in state 1906-07	9.7
Per cent of attendance 1906-07	92.3
Per cent of attendance 1907-08	91.2
Per cent of attendance in Bristol County 1906-07	92
Per cent of attendance in state 1906-07	92
Number of children in town between 5 and 15 years Sept.'08	371
Number of children in town between 7 and 14 years Sept.'08	300
Number of illiterate minors over 14 years	0
Number of pupils attending high school, Sept. 1906	24
Number of pupils attending high school, Sept. 1907	31
Number of pupils attending high school, Sept. 1908	36
Average cost to town per pupil attending high school	$60 33

Meeting of the Teachers of Dighton, Berkley and Rehoboth, Congregational Church, Berkley, Feb. 14, 1908.

PROGRAM.

10. Invocation and Words of Welcome,
Rev. Mr. Christie, Berkley.

10.15 Address, "The Law of Educational Progress,"
Supt. E. S. Cobb, Dighton.

10.30 Address, "The Claims of Environment Upon the Child,"
Supt. S. Howard Chase, Tewksbury.

10.50 Open Discussion, "How Can We Make the Schools Count for More in the Life of the Child?"

11.30 Address, "Writing in Rural Schools,"
Mr. A. W. Clark, representing Ginn & Co.

12. Luncheon.

12.45 Social Hour and Inspection of School Exhibits.

1.30 Address, "The Importance of the Child's Health,"
Supt. C. E. Richardson, Cumberland, R. I.

1.45 Open Discussion, "Ways to Promote the Health of Children."
(A few Swedish movements to be explained and illustrated by one of the teachers.)

2.15 Address, "Character Building,"
Rev. O. J. White, Taunton.

Grammar School Graduating Exercises, Memorial Hall, Dighton, Friday Evening, June 12th, 1908.

PROGRAM.

Invocation,
Rev. W. F. Bartlett.

Piano Solo, Waltz, "Gracieuse," *Kern*
Alma Forrest Briggs.

Chorus, "Mornrise," *Veazie*
South Grammar School.

Chorus, "The Lost Chord," *Sullivan*
North and South Grammar Schools.

Essay, "General Grant,"
Charles Theodore Leonard.

Essay, "New Bedford and Its Whaling Industry,"
Alice Lydia Simmons.

Quartette, "In June Time," *Billeter*
North and South Grammar Schools.

Essay, "The Mystery of Raven Rock,"
Frank Reed Walker.

Essay, "Along the Water Front,"
Evelyn Edmona Hathaway.

Essay, "Indian Relics,"
Lester Chaplin Lee.

Piano Solo, "Silvery Waves," *Wyman*
Albena Madelyn Beaulieu.

Essay, "Old Houses of Dighton,"
Florence Evelyn Rose.

Essay, "The Legend of Sir Galahad,"
Harold Nelson Goff.

Chorus, "The Lord is My Shepherd," *Koschat*
North Grammar School.

Presentation of Diplomas,
Edwin S. Cobb, Supt. of Schools.

Chorus, (a) "Fairies Moonlight Dance," *Gregh*
(b) "The Oars Are Plashing Lightly," *Geibel*
North and South Grammar Schools.

Dismissal,
Rev. A. J. Rich.

GRADUATES.

North Grammar School.

Albena Madelyn Beaulieu
Charles Theodore Leonard
Sallie Tompkins Place
Frank Reed Walker

South Grammar School.

Alma Forrest Briggs
Evelyn Edmona Hathaway
Lester Chaplin Lee
Rachel Hathaway Lewis
Beryl Esther Rose
Florence Evelyn Rose
Alice Lydia Simmons
Ralph Tompkins Sherman
Esther Holmes Whitmarsh

Brick School.

Helen Gertrude Hathaway

Segreganset School.

Harold Nelson Goff